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Motion to dismiss suit over military training is denied

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The federal court has denied a motion to dismiss a lawsuit challenging U.S. Navy plans for the Marine Corps to conduct live-fire training in the CNMI.

In a decision issued Friday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona said the lawsuit questioning whether the U.S. Navy failed to consider all the impacts associated with the plan to transfer 5,000 Marines from Okinawa to Guam and begin staging massive, live-fire war games on Pagan and Tinian can proceed.

In the same order, Manglona

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granted the U.S. Department of the Navy's and the U.S. Department of Defense's motion to dismiss the groups' second claim that the Navy and Defense violated the National

Environmental Policy Act by failing to consider other locations for the Marines.

Manglona dismissed the second
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SS sets 2 pct. benefit increase in 2018

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income, or SSI, benefits for more than 66 million Americans will increase by 2 percent in 2018.

In an announcement last Friday, the Social Security Administration said that the 2 percent cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, will begin with benefits payable to more than 61 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2018.

Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on Dec. 29, 2017.

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Pot bill expects rise of new industry

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Sen. Sixto Igisomar's (R-Saipan) cannabis regulation bill seeks to not only make legal in the CNMI a federally controlled substance, but to allow the CNMI to regulate what is possibly a new industry through a commission.

Besides regulating cannabis, Senate Bill 20-62 SD1 also has a provision that creates the Cannabis Commission.

The commission would be the regulatory agency of the CNMI government and would be headed

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House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) raises his concerns during the Northern Marianas Descent Corp. general meeting last Tuesday at the Carolinian Utt.

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Local lawyer passes 3 Bar exams in a year

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Two of three successful CNMI Bar examinees took their oaths during a special session at the CNMI Supreme Court

last Friday morning. CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro administered the attorney's oath to Hyun Jae Lee and Jose Silvestre P. Mafnas Jr. The third one, Christopher

A. Heeb, was off-island last Friday.

The three passed the CNMI Bar out of five who took the exam last July.

The 34-year-old Lee said: "It has been an uphill and long

journey with a lot of setbacks."

Lee, who was born in South Korea and was raised on Saipan, first arrived on island when she was just 8 years old. She gave thanks to her parents—Jong Sik Lee and Hye

Sook Kim and her sister—who were seated on the front row in the court's gallery.

Lee expressed gratitude to Castro and associate justices John A. Manglona and Perry B. Inos as well as the Judiciary family for supporting her. Lee, who has been a law clerk for Castro for two years now, also cited judges Joseph N. Camacho and Teresa Kim-Tenorio for their encouragement.

"I feel very privileged and honored to be admitted to the [CNMI] Bar," said Lee.

Describing the CNMI Bar exam as "very tough [and] very hard," Lee plans to stay with the CNMI Supreme Court for awhile and "just go from there."

Lee's parents have been in the CNMI for 29 years already. Their first business on Saipan was the Korean American Cable Vision at Channel 23. The family now runs a souvenir wholesale business.

Lee graduated high school at Grace Christian Academy. After obtaining a bachelor's degree at the Georgia State University, she took law at the Handong International Law School in South Korea.

Before joining the CNMI Supreme Court, Lee passed the Bar in Tennessee.

In his speech, Mafnas thanked attorney Stephen Nutting, the Judiciary, and his family, friends, and relatives.

Mafnas, 28, just started work less than a month ago at Nutting's law office. Before

that, he worked as a law clerk at the Guam Supreme Court.

Mafnas passed the Bar examinations in California, Guam, and CNMI in a one year. Of the three, he considers the CNMI's the hardest. "There's a lot of pressure," he said.

"It feels to be good to be home and I'm glad that I will be able to practice here at home," he added.

Mafnas, who is also a graduate of Grace Christian Academy, completed his bachelor's degree at the Chaminade University. He took law at the University of California Davis School of Law and graduated in 2016.

His parents are Customs director Jose Mafnas Sr. and Geraldine Mafnas. Seeing his son take his oath was Mafnas Sr.'s proudest moment. "I watched him go through elementary, high school, then he went to his graduate, to law school," the father said.

Attorney Jane Mack, directing attorney for the Micronesian Legal Services Corp., served as the keynote speaker at the ceremony, while NMI Bar Association vice president Sean E. Frink presented the applicants to the NMI Bar.

Mack said that lawyers have to think of fairness everyday. "It is about fairness. Life is not fair," she said.

Frink urged the new Bar members to take up pro bono cases. "No. 1, you are helping. No. 2, it reminds you of your humanity," Frink said.

» **Fellow GCA graduate also takes oath as newest CNMI Bar passer**



Newly sworn-in CNMI lawyers Hyun Jae Lee and Jose Silvestre P. Mafnas Jr. pose for a group photo with their families, judges, justices, and lawyers during a special session at the CNMI Supreme Court last Friday. Lee and Mafnas are among the three who passed the CNMI Bar examination last July.

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NMDC wants to reclaim AMP for cultural center

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The Northern Marianas Descent Corp. has come up with the idea to create an indigenous cultural center—at the

Recovery efforts continue for an overdue vessel off Chuuk

SANTA RITA, Guam—A large-scale search is being conducted between Chuuk and the Hall Islands in the Federated States of Micronesia for an overdue boat.

On Oct. 11, two men and two women departed Chuuk State en route to the Hall Islands, an estimated 80-nautical-mile journey with gas cans and food on board. They never made it to Hall Island on the specified arrival date

current site of the American Memorial Park

House Bill 20-109, as proposed by Rep. Alice Igitol (R-Saipan) to establish an Indigenous Cultural Center and Indigenous Hall of Fame,

The U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam was notified on Oct. 12 by the U.S. Embassy in Chuuk and requested assistance in their search efforts for the overdue vessel.

The Coast Guard was able to launch a Navy P8 from Kadena Air Force Base in Japan and C130 from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii, both of which began searching on Saturday.

Additional search assets

was brought up at the NMDC meeting last Tuesday.

After much discussion, meeting participants voted to explore the idea of establishing the cultural center on the American Memorial Park site.

included six vessels who are registered to the Automated Mutual-Assistance Rescue System, a worldwide voluntary reporting system for search and rescue sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The M/T *AKRI* also volunteered to assist in the search and rescue efforts by conducting numerous search patterns in the area.

The FSM patrol boat *FSS Independence* began search-

Saipan Tribune archives quote Indigenous Affairs Office resident director Roman Tudela as saying that the establishment of a cultural center is essential in regaining the identity of the indigenous

ing on Friday and on Sunday located a gas can from the overdue vessel.

The Coast Guard was able to have the C130 and P8 fly over the debris field and locate two individuals, both of which were recovered by the *FSS Independence*.

The USCGC *Washington* was supposed to arrive on scene last night and begin searching for the remaining people. (PR)

Chamorro and Carolinians for future generations.

NMDC board member John Gonzalez said the idea is still subject to further discussion in future meetings. "We will be discussing this further to get more feedback," he said.

Gonzalez said that many of the NMDs present at the meeting raised a proposal to reclaim public lands that originally belonged to the NMDs like the American Memorial Park.

"One of the proposals they want on the table is to reclaim the public lands that are rightfully owned by us [NMDs]," said Gonzalez.

The plan is to discuss the proposal with the federal government.

"Those of Northern Marianas descent [want] to negotiate reasonably and rationally with the federal government, who is currently renting and leasing that property, and take it back and build the cultural center," Gonzalez said.

According to him, the goal is to build the best possible cultural center for the indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians.

The center should embody, promote, and preserve the indigenous culture and the American Memorial Park is the perfect area to establish a cultural center that meets the criteria because the area is centralized and right by the ocean.

"Gone are the days where we remain quiet and are very accepting of decisions. We want to be proactive," said Gonzalez.

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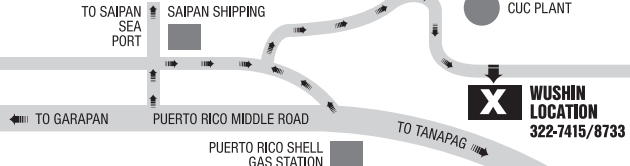
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Rota senator: Physicians must be compensated

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A Rota senator is convinced that the two physicians who are suing the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to be paid for the services they rendered at the Rota Health Center deserve to be paid.

Dr. Francois Claassens and Dr. James Toskas want to be paid a combined \$635,187.

Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota), who is a member of

the Rota Legislative Delegation and chairs the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, said in an email to *Saipan Tribune* it is “clear and convincing” that the two physicians “must be compensated for the services [they] provided.”

“A thorough review of all the documents provided by both physicians, the time and services provided, are clear and convincing the physicians must be compensated

for the services provided. A series of meetings were conducted and, at the outset of those meetings, the Rota Legislative Delegation and local leaders have concluded that payments must be made to satisfy the claims made by both physicians,” said Santos.

She added that it has “always been the position” of the delegation and local leaders to “amicably resolve” outstanding debts owed both

the physicians for their services rendered during their stay at RHC.

Toskas has been serving RHC since 1998 through the Department of Public Health while Claassens has been at RHC since 2005. They want the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to pay them \$327,187 and \$308,000, respectively.

The Rota Legislative Delegation previously adopted Resolution 19-16, requesting

the governor, the attorney general, and the chief executive officer of CHCC to negotiate and settle the claims of Claassens and Toskas.

The delegation also previously attempted to appropriate \$15,000 each to both Claassens and Toskas to “partially begin making payments to both physicians”; however, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, who was acting gov-

ernor at the time, line-item vetoed the provision.

“... It is highly encouraged that the affected parties settle the matter amicably, rather than going through a court proceeding which would incur more expenses to CHCC,” said Santos.

Claassens and Toskas sued RHC and CHCC in the CNMI Superior Court in mid-September.

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by nine commissioners: five representing Saipan and the Northern Islands Legislative Delegation with four appointed by the governor and the Northern Islands mayor’s selection of one voter from the Northern Islands; two appointments made by the Rota mayor—subject to the advice and consent of the Rota Legislative Delegation—to represent

the first senatorial district; and two appointments made by the Tinian mayor, also subject to the advice and consent of the Tinian Legislative Delegation.

Commission members would serve four-year terms. However, the bill specifies that of the members first appointed, two shall serve a term of two years and three shall serve a term of four years, determined through a lottery at the first meeting of the commission.

The commission has the authority to conduct hearings

pertaining to violations of the provisions of S.B. 20-62, such as overstepping the allowed amount of marijuana one may have or giving marijuana to an individual under 21 years old, among many others. The commission also has the authority to conduct hearings on the issuance of licenses to produce, deliver, and possess marijuana for businesses or businessmen.

The commission also has the authority to set up its own rules and regulations. According to the bill, the rules and

regulations must at least establish a code of ethics for the commission members; supervise, monitor, and investigate to ensure the suitability and compliance with legal, statutory, and contractual obligations of the owners, operators, and employees involved in marijuana businesses; examine, supervise, and monitor the continuing fiscal and financial capability and transactions of marijuana business owners, operators, etc. to protect the public; and several others.

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Some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the consumer price index as determined by the Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to

the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase from \$127,200 to \$128,700.

Of the estimated 175 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2018, about 12 million will pay more because of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2018, when announced, will be available at www.medicare.gov.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola. (PR)

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claim with prejudice, which means the environmental and cultural preservation groups that originated the lawsuit cannot re-file the claim.

Manglona gave the Navy, Defense, Navy Secretary Spencer Sworn, and Defense Secretary James Mattis 14 days from Friday to file their responses.

The Tinian Women Association, Guardians of Gani, Pagan Watch, and the Center for Biological Diversity are suing the defendants for alleged violation of NEPA and the Administrative Procedure Act when the Navy decided to relocate 5,000 U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam and to conduct live-fire training on Tinian and Pagan.

Earthjustice filed the lawsuit on behalf of the groups.

The defendants, through the U.S. Department of Justice, sought to have the lawsuit dismissed.

Earthjustice lawyer David Henkin said they are thankful that the judge reaffirmed their stance that the military is not above the law.

“Before deciding to move thousands of Marines to the Marianas, the Navy should have considered the devastation to Tinian and Pagan from the live-fire training those Marines will need to perform their mission.

“The people of Tinian and Pagan will now have their day in court to challenge this existential threat to their homelands,”

said Henkin in a statement.

In her 43-page ruling, Manglona said the groups’ first claim that defendants violated NEPA by not putting together a single environmental impact statement does not implicate the political question doctrine, and the court may issue injunctive relief or vacate the record of decision if the merits of the case so require.

Thus, Manglona said, the groups’ first claim is redressible, and the Navy and Defense’s motion to dismiss the first claim for lack of standing is denied.

By contrast, Manglona said, the groups’ second claim that the Navy and Defense violated NEPA by failing to consider alternate locations for sending Marines from Okinawa implicates the political question doctrine because adjudicating the dispute would require the court to second-guess the military decision to relocate to Guam and establish a base with associated training there and on Tinian.

Manglona said that requiring the Navy and Defense to consider other locations after the decision to move to Guam and Tinian was made interferes with a decision made using military expertise.

Thus, the judge said, the court cannot issue an injunction or declaration that the Navy and Defense violated NEPA by failing to consider places outside of Guam and the CNMI for relocation.

Accordingly, Manglona said, a declaration would not resolve the groups’ claims, and they therefore lack stand-

ing to pursue declaratory relief for the second claim.

The defendants, through the DOJ, moved to dismiss the groups’ lawsuit on the ground that the court lacks jurisdiction.

First, according to defendants, the claim present a political question because the Executive Branch decided to relocate the Marines as part of a treaty with Japan, and injunctive relief would require the court to conduct foreign affairs, which is a power constitutionally committed to the political branches.

Further, because the injury results from a “binding international agreement,” the court cannot grant meaningful relief, and the groups therefore lack standing to ask for declaratory relief.

Next, the defendants argue that the plaintiffs’ claims are not justiciable because there has been no final agency action and the U.S. has waived sovereign immunity only for review of final agency actions.

Finally, defendants submit that the groups’ claims are not ripe for review because decisions regarding training ranges for the Marines are not yet final, and all of the alleged NEPA and APA violations involving the construction of live-fire training ranges are based on no more than speculation.

In their response, plaintiffs argue that their claims are ripe for review because they challenge defendants’ alleged failure to comply with NEPA and the APA in the Guam and CNMI Relocation and Train-

ing EIS, which is final.

On the standing to seek declaratory relief issue, the plaintiffs argue that because the claims do not present political questions, the court has authority to grant the requested relief.

Plaintiffs argue that the requests for injunctive relief do not implicate the political question doctrine because NEPA “is a purely procedural statute” that does not require defendants to change their decisions.

Plaintiffs said the requested injunction would not require the court to second-guess or conduct foreign affairs because NEPA is procedural and does not dictate particular outcomes.

In her order granting in part and denying in part, Manglona said that the Navy and Defense have made final decisions as to their commitments or obligations in the Guam and CNMI Relocation and Training EIS and Record of Decision is sufficient to demonstrate that the action is final.

“Accordingly, lack of finality is not grounds for dismissal,” Manglona said.

On the ripeness issue, Manglona said although the court might benefit from having a complete administrative record, it is not incomplete because the CNMI Joint Military Training EIS is still in draft form.

Manglona said the record is incomplete because the parties have chosen not to submit the complete record from the EIS process that began in 2007.

That said, Manglona said, at

this stage of the case, the entire record is not necessary for the court to determine whether it has jurisdiction.

Accordingly, the judge said, the groups’ claims are ripe for review.

On whether plaintiffs’ claims and request for injunctive relief present a political question, Manglona said in sum, the groups’ first claim asks the court to interpret and apply NEPA, not to evaluate the policy decisions or value determinations made by the Navy, and issuing an injunction would not interfere with these decisions.

Put another way, Manglona said, although “military judgments generally” raise political questions, a court must determine if the action taken involved “military expertise and judgment.”

Manglona said deciding whether an action is connected or would create cumulative impacts and therefore must be included in an EIS does not involve military expertise, as evidenced by the fact that all federal agencies are subject to NEPA.

Therefore, she said, entering an injunction would not second-guess decisions taken with military expertise.

“This is true even though the relocation commitment is included in a binding agreement with Japan,” she said.

Manglona said plaintiffs’ first claim does not seek to stop the relocation permanently or force the Marines to relocate to another site.

Manglona said they only seek to stop the relocation

until Navy and Defense complete an EIS that considers connected actions or cumulative impacts.

“Nothing in the text of the agreements between the United States and Japan sets forth a timetable for relocation,” said Manglona, adding that an injunction would not countermand or interfere with the terms of a treaty.

In prior briefing, DOJ, counsel for U.S. Navy and co-defendants cited a district court’s decision in a lawsuit filed by the Biological Diversity against Hagel in support of its motion to dismiss the four groups’ NEPA alternatives claim.

Manglona heard the motion to dismiss last Feb. 9. She then placed the matter under advisement.

The case involves plaintiffs’ challenge to a large-scale effort by the U.S. Navy and Defense to relocate several thousands of U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam.

The groups maintain that this effort may not proceed until defendants comply with the statutory obligations set by NEPA.

Based on the final supplemental EIS, the Navy issued a new Record of Decision. The ROD concluded that the reduced number of Marines relocating to Guam “impact[ed] approximately 850 fewer acres than was projected in 2010,” and therefore required construction of the live-fire training range only on land “currently under the custody and control of the [Department of Defense].”

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Smoking now prohibited in poker arcades

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The Racial Ethnic Approach to Community Health, which is campaigning against tobacco smoke by making people aware of the dangers of secondhand smoke, was able to push for the enforcement of the Smoke-Free Air Act in poker arcades on Saipan last month.

Currently, almost 30 poker rooms are smoke-free, according to REACH project assistant Hee Jae Lee. That means about 5,300 people are no longer breathing in secondhand smoke.

While there is a law banning indoor smoking, Lee said that compliance and enforcement was low.

“Patrons of poker rooms were exposed to secondhand smoke. We have provided education about the law and about the deadly effects of secondhand smoke to bars, hotels, and poker rooms. We especially encourage the bars to ban smoking completely for the sake of their customers and their employees, though many of them are exempt from the



Lee

law,” she added.

As part of the solution and to assist in upholding the law, REACH first came up with frequently-asked-questions booklet to provide clarity regarding the law for the enforcers, establishment staff and the community. Secondly, an online system was created where violations are reported and addressed.

“These solutions were crucial in ensuring that people are aware of the law and that there are measures in place to

enforce the law,” Lee said.

“We have provided education about the law and about the deadly effects of secondhand smoke to bars, hotels, and poker rooms,” she added.

While education was key in getting establishments to understand and comply with the Smoke-Free Air law, the REACH campaign found the importance of creating a system that will allow people to report violations.

According to the REACH findings, another contributing factor that helped increase compliance with the law was

that poker room attendants became unexpectedly vigilant in reporting smoking.

The REACH Anti-Tobacco Program ended last Sept. 30 but a sustainability plan has been written and approved by the CNMI Department of Public Health Services.

The REACH Anti-Tobacco program recommends that dissemination of tobacco media communication messages, Smoke-Free Air law educa-

tional outreach and enforcement signage will be continuously undertaken to promote the program. The Bureau of Environmental Health will provide personnel to assist with enforcement.

“Because of the REACH program, more poker room employees and patrons are protected from exposure to secondhand smoke,” said Rebecca Robles, administrator of Non-Communicable Disease Bureau.

Another Beilida staff pleads guilty

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Another staff of Beilida Overseas has pleaded guilty to harboring illegal aliens who were made to work at the Pacific Imperial International CNMI LLC’s casino and resort construction in Garapan.

Xiufang Qi, who appeared with her lawyer, Steven P. Pixley, pleaded guilty in federal court last Friday to harboring illegal aliens.

The offense carries a maximum penalty of not more than five years imprisonment; a fine of not more than \$250,000; and not more than five years of probation.

Under the plea deal, the sentencing guideline range is 27 months to 33 months of imprisonment.

The imposition of a fine is up to the court.

Qi will be sentenced on March 2, 2018, at 9am.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona was presiding over the case. Assistant U.S. attorney James Benedetto appeared for the U.S. government.

Qi was accused of supervising a large number of aliens

who working at the Best Sunshine casino and resort/hotel construction site between Feb. 7, 2017 and March 22, 2017

Among them were over 100 aliens—including four Chinese nationals: Chunsheng Zhang, Wei Li, Chengxiang Wang, and Yongbo Sun—who had remained even after their parole expired.

Aliens admitted as tourists under the conditional parole program are not legally authorized to work, even during the period of their conditional parole.

Qi knew that the four and many other workers under her supervision were in violation of the law, since those workers were referred to in company documents as “hei gong” or undocumented workers.

Despite knowing their immigration statuses, Qi aided and abetted the illegal workers by giving them work, telling them not to go to work whenever government inspectors were present, and generally making sure that immigration authorities won’t detect the presence of these workers.

Whenever she meets production quotas, Qi would get a bonus.

Qi was arrested on April 6, 2017, and was with one count of harboring illegal aliens.

At a detention hearing last April 12, the court allowed Qi’s release from custody.

Qi and her co-defendant Hongwei Ma are staff of Beilida Overseas. The two other defendants are Beilida Overseas president Hui Lu and Beilida’s Wencao Guo.

A separate indictment charged MCC International project manager Yuqing Zhao with harboring illegal aliens.


Of the five indicted, only Lu has yet to be arrested.

On Feb. 7 through March 22, 2017, Ma, Lu, Guo, and Qi allegedly harbored six illegal aliens.


A separate indictment alleges that beginning on Aug. 1, 2016, and up to March 31, 2017, Zhao harbored 15 illegal aliens.

MCC International was the construction contractor for Imperial Pacific. Beilida was one of the subcontractors.

Guo and Zhao have already pleaded guilty. Guo’s sentencing will be on Feb. 16, 2018. Zhao was slapped with a six-month prison term.



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NOTICE
MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 9:30AM** at the BECQ 2nd Floor Main Conference Room, Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Adoption of Agenda

D. Adoption of October 4th, 2017 Meeting Minutes

II. PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW

A. Project: ISA VILLAS MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2017-X-111

a) Project Presentation

b) Discussion & Review of Project

c) CRM Permit Application Status Determination, Certification of Completeness

B. Project: TINIAN FERRY TERMINAL BUILDING
CRM Permit Application No. TMS-2017-X-067

a) Final Discussions, Comments, and/or Questions


b) CRM Permit Application Status, Final Determination

III. OTHER MATTERS


IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (NOTE: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ JANICE E. CASTRO
Acting Director, DCRM



Board of Trustees
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
1 Lower Navy Hill Road Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950



Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation hereby gives notice that a meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the CEO’s Conference Room 3 located at the Administrative Offices (new wing).

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes
Adoption of September 13, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

IV. Public Comments

V. Reports

A. Management & Operations

B. Financial Statement

C. CHCC Budget

D. Malpractice Insurance

E. CMS & ECRI

VI. Old Business

A. PHI Contract

B. Collections Data

C. Update on Lawsuit

VII. New Business

A. Construction of Pharmacy

B. Grant Opportunities

C. Takecare Contract


D. Status CW’s, H1, EB Visa

VIII. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in Executive Session to consult with legal counsel on pending or anticipated legal matters


IX. Announcement

X. Adjournment

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
As of October 13, 2017

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE ROTA DCRM OFFICE:


APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Commonwealth Utilities Corporation	4/24/2017 RSm-2017-X-a 0424	Taiapu/Telang Road Maintenance	Watershed/Conservation	Shoreline	Approved
2. Honorable Mayor Efraim Atalig	6/28/2017 RSm-2017-X-a 0711	Armor Rock Retaining Wall	Teneto Village Cliff-Line	Shoreline	Approved
3. Katheryn Graziano-BECQ	7/18/2017 RSm-2017-X-a 0718	Talakhaya Revegetation Road Maintenance	Lamen	Shoreline	Approved
4. Department of Land and Natural Resources	7/26/2017 RSm-2017-X-a 0726	Conservation/Recreation Access Road	Liyo Conservation Area	Shoreline	Approved
5. Department of Land and Natural Resources	8/22/2017 RSm-2017-X-a 0822	Beautification and Maintenance	Liyo Conservation Area	Shoreline	Approved
6. Department of Land and Natural Resources	8/25/2017 RSm-2017-X-a 0825	Freedom is Nature Overlook & Eco Trail	Sabana Conservation Area	Shoreline	Approved

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

UNION BANK,)
Plaintiff,)
-v-) CIVIL ACTION
JUAN L. EVANGELISTA) NO. 94-1046
Defendant.)

NINETEENTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Second Amended Order issued by the Court in this matter on August 2, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Tract 22845-19 (part of original Tract 22845-REM, A.H. 31), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat no. 2083/84, the original of which was recorded August 2, 1984, as Document No. 84-1398 at the office of the Commonwealth Recorder, Saipan.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 27, 2017, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 25th day September, 2017:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

Search for WWII Japanese remains continue

By **BEA CABRERA**

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REPORTER

The Japan Association for Recovery and Repatriation of War Casualties is currently looking for the remains of World War II Japanese soldiers on Saipan and Tinian. The work started in June 2017 and will end next month.

To date, a total of 39,440 remains have been recovered—29,150 from Saipan and 10,290 from Tinian. According to the association, a total of 31,360 remains have yet to be found.

The association said that the Japanese government is collecting the remains of Japanese WWII veterans killed in battle in the Northern Mariana Islands. The remains are intended to be brought back to Japan for historical, field survey studies, and cultural reasons.

The remains are reclaimed first, for historical reasons where the recovered remains will be collected, recorded and put into the national Japanese archives.

Two, for field survey studies to further give information on the remains of Japanese soldiers in foreign countries, and third, for cultural reasons.

The Japanese government and JAWRRC intends to sub-

mit to customs, traditions, and pay attention to the request of the family of the deceased

to be reunited with them and have a formal memorial. The association is separate from

the Kuentai, which is also an organization with a mission to bring home the remains of

Japanese soldiers who fought and died in foreign lands during the war.

JARRWC is requesting the public's cooperation on this project. You can contact them at 285-7283 (Saipan), 287-2857 (Tinian), or email jigyoubu@jarrwc.jp.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-17-028

TANK 104 REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL POWER PLANT 1, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Removal and Disposal of Tank 104 at Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan.

The project consists, of the Cutting for Disposal and Removal of Tank 104 (now empty and cleaned) together with off-site disposal of all tank materials, including its steel floor.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **90 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building. Prospective Bidders are mandated to attend both Pre-Bid and Site Visit.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-17-028 Removal and Disposal of Tank 104, Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 25, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond ~~executed~~ by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 16, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Max Simian, CUC Technical Manager for Oil - via email max.simian@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Triple J sues PSS to annul contract for 5 buses

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

Triple J Saipan Inc. is suing the Public School System and Education Commissioner Cynthia I. Deleon Guerrero to invalidate a contract that PSS awarded to a company for five buses.

Triple J, through lawyer James R. Stump, wants the Superior Court to stop PSS and Deleon Guerrero from implementing and paying a PSS contract that had been awarded to Morrico Equipment.

After a hearing last Thursday, Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo will resume the hearing on Thursday to allow PSS and Deleon Guerrero to respond to the lawsuit.

Tiberius Mocanu appeared as counsel for PSS and Deleon Guerrero.

As of press time Thursday, *Saipan Tribune* was still waiting for comments from PSS.

PSS, which was seeking to buy five school buses, issued a competitive sealed bid process on March 10, 2017, requiring bidders to provide warranty coverage for "one year/12,000 mile miles bumper to bumper and five years/60,000 miles power train."

According to Stump in Triple J's complaint, Morrico

Equipment submitted its bid on April 13, 2017.

Stump said that Morrico's bid only identified the total bid price of \$709,995 and individual bus bid price of \$141,999 for each of the five buses.

Stump said the Morrico bid did not identify or discuss the required maintenance and warranty requirements.

He said the bid submitted by Triple J was \$799,375 or \$159,875 for each of the five buses and provided a detailed description of the proposed maintenance and warranty requirements.

When asked if the Morrico bid addresses the maintenance and warranty requirements, a Morrico representative finally responded on April 20, 2017, Stump said, a week after the invitation for bidding was due. It said the Morrico bid included warranty requirements but not the maintenance requirements.

On May 26, Triple J Motors representative Randy Steele asked about the results of the bidding and was told that the bid had been awarded to Morrico, Stump said.

That same day, Triple J submitted a bid protest, saying the contract with Morrico failed to comply with requirements for a competitive bid—that

Morrico was not a responsible bidder, the bid submitted was not responsive, and that PSS failed to tell Triple J of the award of the bid.

According to Stump, Deleon Guerrero responded to Triple J's protest last May 30, saying that Triple J failed to file a bid protest within 10 days and failure to notify the other bidders of its protest within three days.

Triple J then appealed Deleon Guerrero's decision to the Board of Education.

Stump said that Triple J's challenge rests on four issues: violation of requirements for competitive bidding, Morrico was a non-responsive bidder, claims of untimeliness are inappropriate, and PSS violated the requirements of good faith.

The BOE appeal committee issued a decision last Sept. 5, saying it lacked jurisdiction to consider the appeal.

The committee also determined that Triple J was not prejudiced by the award to Morrico and that Triple J did not provide adequate notice to Morrico.

Stump said the Triple J's protest is not against the bid by Morrico but against the failure of PSS personnel to comply with the requirements of bid and bidder evaluation.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-18-002

KAGMAN WATERLINE & BOOSTER STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Kagman Waterline and Booster Station Rehabilitation Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

General Description: This work consists of replacing the existing Kumoi booster station and relocating it to the Chacha and Kagman Road intersection. It also includes the rehabilitation of an existing deep well, the installation of a new 6" PVC distribution, and the installation of a new 8" PVC transmission waterline along Kagman Road. It will also involve the reconnection of existing customers onto new or existing distribution lines within the project area.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from the USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **300 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 5, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building. Prospective Bidders are mandated to attend both the Pre-Bid Conference and the Site Visit.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-18-002, Kagman Waterline and Booster Station Rehabilitation Project"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 26, 2017** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 10, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer- via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nick Schreiner, Water-Wastewater, Engineer-via email address nick.schreiner@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid documents, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Officer



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-18-001

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 & 2018

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to perform a financial and compliance audit of the CUC for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 & 2018. The audit must be performed in compliance with the latest revision of the following guidelines:

- *OMB Circular A-133*
- *Standard for Audits of Government Organization, Programs, Activities and Function, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States*
- *Audits of States and Local Government Units, Industry Audit guide issued by the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA)*
- *Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS)*

The date of contract award will be no later than November 17, 2017. Audit work shall commence thereafter and must be completed by January 31, 2018 (FY17) & 2019 (FY18). Auditors are responsible to review all the 2017 & 2018 financial statements to include the physical CUC assets.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-18-001, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2017 & 2018"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **October 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 10, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Antonio Castro, CUC Chief Financial Officer, via email address antonio.castro@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

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Purchasing Administrator



NEW BUSINESSES

BEA CABRERA

Jayna Park, left, general manager, and Alex Shen, branch manager (Saipan) of One Tel Communications and E Communications, have their picture taken at the Oct. 4 meeting of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce during which Park talked about One Tel and E Communications. "One Tel is a company that is that acts like the middleman between IT&E and the Korean and Chinese market in Guam and the CNMI and assists these particular markets to avail of IT&E products and services. This way, we eliminate the language barrier and the customers would never have to step into IT&E for payments, invoice, etc., although they are using IT&E service. We started out in Guam and we have over a thousand subscribers now. In the CNMI, we started in Garapan on May 22, 2017," said Park. "E Communications specializes in meeting the communication needs of travelers, if they need connection to the internet, a phone, email access, or social media access. We are located at both Guam and Saipan international airports. We have extensive networking with vendors from China, Taiwan and Korea."



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

FOA movie night to feature *The BFG*

Friends of the Arts will be hosting another Friday Night at the Movies this Oct. 20, starting at 7:30 pm, at the Navy Hill baseball field, featuring the movie *The BFG*. Bring your own chairs, relax and enjoy a night. You can bring food and we'll also sell snacks. Entrance fee is \$3 for children under 11 and \$5 for adults and children aged 11 or older.

The BFG is a 2016 American fantasy adventure film directed and co-produced by Steven Spielberg. In the film, an orphan girl befriends a benevolent giant, called the "Big Friendly Giant," who takes her to Giant Country, where they attempt to stop the man-eating giants that are invading the human world.

FOA will reschedule for Saturday, Oct. 21, starting at 7:30pm, if it rains on Friday. (PR)

Employment expert here

Dr. Chaz Compton, Ed.D., CRC of the San Diego State University Research Foundation's Interwork Institute will be in the CNMI on Oct. 23-27, 2017, will visit the islands, facilitate focus group meetings, and engage CNMI employers in meaningful conversations about their unique business needs. There will also be a discussion about the progress the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is making in reaching out to employers regarding employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

On Saipan, Compton will be at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-

Purpose Center on Oct. 24 and 25, from 1pm to 2:30pm.

On Tinian, Compton will be at the Northern Marianas College campus on Oct. 26 from 1pm to 3pm.

On Rota, Compton will be at the Sinapolo Youth Center on Oct. 27, from 1pm to 3pm. (PR)

Military training at Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

■ Oct. 16 from noon to 8:30pm

■ Oct. 17 from noon to 4pm

■ Oct. 19 from 8:30am to 12:30pm and 4pm to 8pm

It is recommended the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-3209. (PR)

Kagman schools' PTSA meeting

This is to inform all parents, guardians, and the community that the Kagman cluster of schools will be having a PTSA meeting on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017, at 5pm at the Kagman Elementary School cafeteria. We are encouraging all parents, and guardians to attend this meeting. Please call the school at 237-3921, 664-4100, or 664-3911 if you have any questions or concerns. (PR)

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Trump's tweets on Puerto Rico were beyond the pale



President Donald Trump and first lady Melania arrive at Muniz Air National Guard Base in Carolina, Puerto Rico on Oct. 3, 2017, almost two weeks after Hurricane Maria hit the island.

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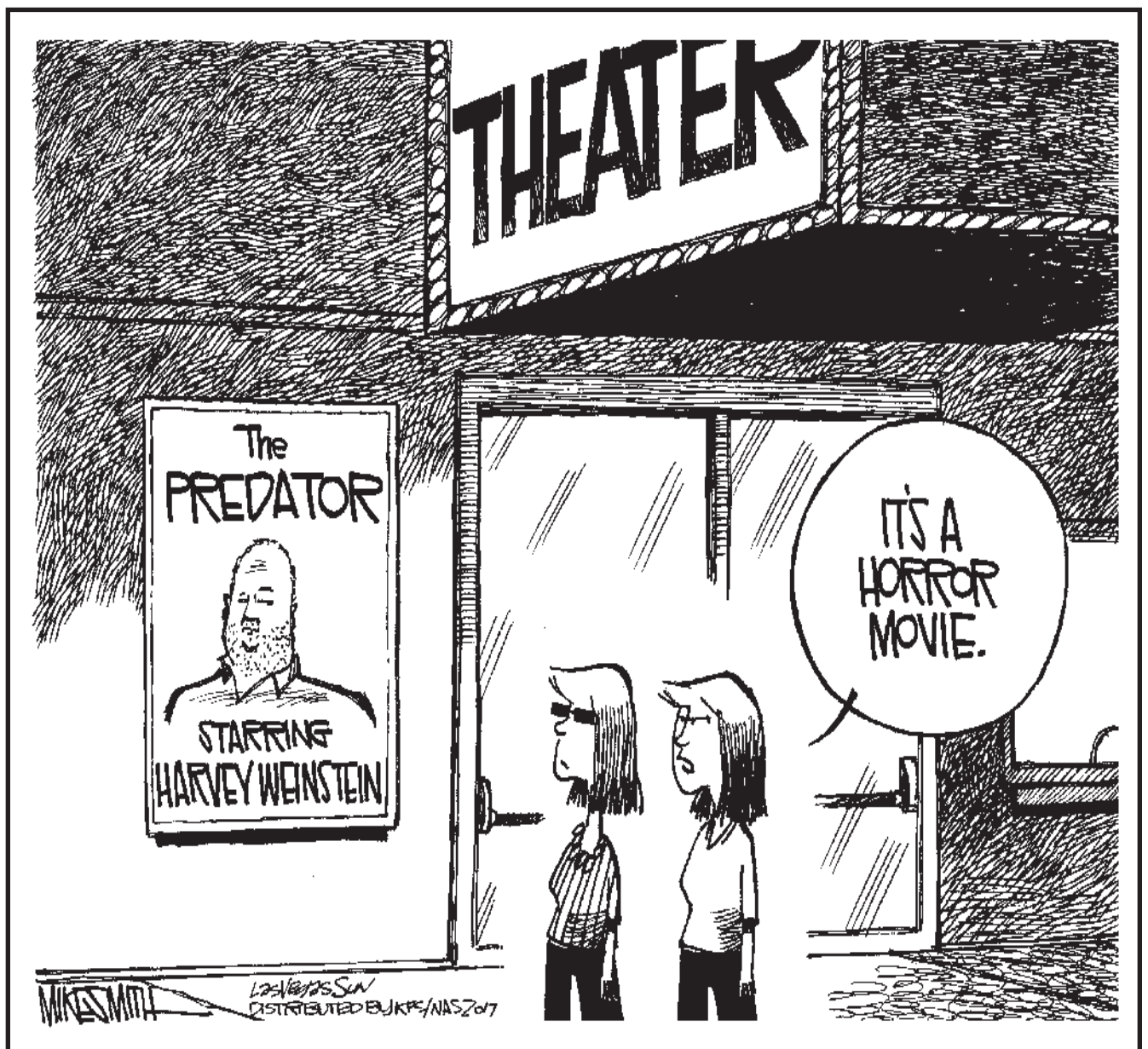
When it comes to President Donald Trump fulfilling his role as leader of the federal government, nothing he has said has been as awful as his Thursday remarks on Twitter that the United States might soon stop helping Puerto Rico—a part of our nation since 1898—recover from Hurricane Maria.

“Electric and all infrastructure (in Puerto Rico) was disaster before hurricanes,” he tweeted. “We cannot keep FEMA, the Military & the First Responders, who have been amazing (under the most difficult circumstances) in P.R. forever!”

The comments came as authorities announced that just 9 percent of the U.S. territory’s 3.4 million people had electricity, down from 17 percent, after problems at a San Juan power plant. More than three weeks after the hurricane hit, one-third of residents still don’t have access to safe water. Some are so desperate they’re drinking water from toxic Superfund sites. Complicating matters, the recovery effort became more costly when the federal government didn’t renew a Jones Act waiver for Puerto Rico, which means no foreign-flagged vessels can bring goods to the island from U.S. ports, only U.S. vessels with mostly American crews, thanks to an antiquated 1920 law that Congress should consider scrapping.

While the end to the waiver may be dubious, there is no indication that the federal government will abandon Puerto Rico at its moment of need. Trump’s follow-up comments Friday about helping Puerto Rico struck a note of straightforward solidarity, so Thursday’s tweets are likely inconsequential. But they remain appalling. Puerto Ricans deserve better. So do their fellow Americans.

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Is patriotism ‘fake news’?

By GLORIA JOHNS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Against the laws of physics, American exceptionalism and self-righteousness occupy the same space, and arrogance is the force that inspires the soul of much of America.

We’re a simple folk, we Americans, and happiest when life delivers itself to us as absolutes—black or white, Christian or heathen, blue lives or black lives. And we can’t tolerate the complexity of ambiguity, preferring Heaven, or even Hell, to Purgatory.

And “freedom” is that which we hold most dear, what many in the world, so it is thought, want to take away from us.

In keeping with our own sense of superiority, the passionate version of “protecting our freedom” conjures a vision of dark-skinned maniacs standing at our shores, eager to take the cheeseburger out of our right hand and the fries out of our left hand.

But would the service of our military mean less knowing it was not always about our freedom, but the freedom of others? It is this heroic act of selflessness that best exemplifies what it means to be a great country. Indeed, the Bible affirms in John 15:13: “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

The caveat is that we must see all of humanity as worthy of saving, not just ourselves. In truth, we’re more admiring of the fight for the hamburger than humanity.

For example, earlier this month four U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers were killed helping troops in Niger battle Islamic extremists. In Korea, the United States defended the people of South Korea against the threat of the communist North. In Vietnam, the U.S. government defended South Vietnam against a take-over from North Vietnam—their own war of independence. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are evidence of the same bravery.

But patriotism, now a spectator sport, is about whose is bigger—patriotism, that is. It’s as if all one has to do to claim the title of patriot is to fly the flag, stand for the national anthem, and chant “USA, USA!”

The hypocrisy that is served up with that kind of patriotism should be as visible as the flag. For example, Donald Trump wears a U.S. flag lapel pin, and stands hand over heart for the national anthem.

But hypocrisy is when that so-called patriotic president winks when a reporter asks the meaning of “fire and fury” or the “calm before the storm,” showing complete disregard for the lives of our brothers and sisters he may commit to war.

A president who accepts a Purple Heart so valiantly won by a veteran and then quips that “I always wanted one of these,” but being handed one was “much easier” than serving in combat, is no patriot.

A president who says of John McCain, “He’s a war hero ‘cause he was captured. I like people that weren’t captured, OK?” That president is no patriot.

Meanwhile, the football player who kneels for the national anthem is ostracized, and accusations of playing the “race card” are the phrase that slams the door on meaningful conversation.

The song isn’t about race, that is, until you read the third stanza: “Their blood has wash’d out their foul footsteps’ pollution. No refuge could save the hireling and slave from the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave.”

Francis Scott Key, author of “The Star Spangled Banner” was a slave owner, who, by his own pen, celebrated the death of slaves who were offered freedom if they would fight and die in the War of 1812 with Britain.

Why do we demand that citizens, black or white, pay tribute to a song written by a slave owner that celebrates the death of slaves? Because it’s just easier to be ignorant.

We’ve become a country where shouts and rallies drown out reason. And the wealthy, the likes of Jerry Jones and Trump, pull the strings of puppet America, demanding the type of loyalty that will ultimately result in our demise.

Real patriotism rests with those, whether standing or kneeling, who are willing to openly challenge misconceptions.

In the words of Edmund Burke: “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

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Why shouldn't the gun industry be liable for damage done by its products, just like anybody else?

It is time to stop giving the gun industry special protections that are not accorded to other businesses. In 2005, Congress passed the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act which prevents gun companies from being sued by the victims of gun violence.

The NRA got it right when it called this “the most significant piece of pro-gun legislation in twenty years.” No other industry enjoys this special treatment.

The massacre in Las Vegas occurred because gun companies make semi-automatic weapons that are easily converted into automatic weapons that can kill large numbers of people in a short amount of time. Gun manufacturers take automatic military weapons like the M-16 and modify them into legal, semi-automatic weapons, like the AR-15.

They can be turned back into automatic weapons, whether through bump stocks or other techniques that are described on many websites. Ammunition magazines with large capacity are manufactured that serve no purpose for hunting or sport.

If gun companies could be held liable in the way that all other manufacturers can be sued, they either would not make such products or they would do far more to ensure that the weapons could not be used for mass killings. But the 2005 Act dismissed all pending claims against gun manufacturers in both federal and state courts and preempted all future claims.

The Act could not be clearer in stating its purpose: “To prohibit causes of action against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, and importers of firearms or ammunition products, and their trade associations, for the harm caused solely by the criminal or unlawful misuse of firearm products or ammunition products by

others when the product functioned as designed and intended.”

There are some narrow exceptions where liability is allowed, such as for actions against transferors of firearms who knew the firearm would be used in drug trafficking. But otherwise gun companies are totally immune from any liability.

In October 2016, a Connecticut Superior Court judge dismissed a lawsuit filed by the families of some victims of the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting against the manufacturer, the wholesale distributor, and the retailer of the semi-automatic rifle used in the shooting. Adam Lanza used an AR-15 rifle, a weapon initially made for the military, to kill 20 schoolchildren and their teachers in a small town in Connecticut in 2012.

Judge Barbara Bellis dismissed the suit by the families of the victims and said that it “falls squarely within the broad immunity” provided to gun manufacturers and dealers by the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act.

Congress should repeal this unfair law and allow the victims of gun violence to have their day in court. Today, gun companies are allowed to design weapons that can be easily converted into weapons of mass destruction and distribute them freely without having to worry about the destructive consequences of the weapons they put on the streets.

Before the passage of the gun industry protections, courts could hold gun companies responsible for the safety of their products. In March 2000, Smith & Wesson, one of the nation's largest gun manufacturers, adopted a robust set of safety controls on their handguns as part of a settlement to a major lawsuit brought by a coalition of mayors. If those injured can bring lawsuits against

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the gun companies, these businesses will make safer products and be more careful about how they distribute them.

Tort liability exists to spread the costs of a product among all of its users and also to create incentives to make the product safer. The 2005 Act undermines this by providing gun companies sweeping immunity from liability.

During her campaign for President, Hillary Clinton urged a repeal of this law and she made a point during the primaries of noting that Bernie Sanders had voted for it. Among the other yes votes were a number of California representatives still in Congress, including Democrats Mike Thompson and Jim Costa, and Republicans Devin Nunes, Ed Royce, Ken Calvert, Dana Rohrabacher, Darrell Issa and Duncan Hunter.

How many more tragedies and how many more deaths will it take before politicians are willing to stand up to the gun lobby and take meaningful action to get rid of weapons that serve no purpose but to kill many people quickly?

Until this happens, at the very least, Congress should end the special immunity that only gun manufacturers have been granted.

Harassment is all around us, so let's start calling it out

Let's straighten something out: The Harvey Weinstein story is not a “Hollywood problem.”

So, please, let's stop wagging our fingers at this group or that group every time another powerful man is caught sexually abusing women. Let's stop pretending we've never turned a blind eye at the signs of sexual harassment around us. And let's quit with the collective outrage asking, “How could this happen?”

But let's also consider that, possibly, we are getting better at dealing with this nonsense. And it may be thanks to the millennial generation.

The alleged sexual misconduct of men such as Weinstein, Bill Cosby, Bill O'Reilly, Bill Clinton, Donald Trump and countless more has nothing to do with the tribes to which they belong. Their despicable behavior has everything to do with their own sense of power over women and a lifetime of experience that taught them they could get away with it.

Shortly after *The New York Times* published its blockbuster story Oct. 5 accusing Weinstein, one of the most powerful men in Hollywood, of sexually harassing and abusing a number of young female actors, Weinstein issued a statement, in part offering that he was merely a product of his time—the '60s and '70s, when all the rules about behavior and workplaces were different.”

That line is no excuse for what, in some cases, may have been criminal behavior, but Weinstein also wasn't wrong.

Consider how differently we educate our children now about personal safety than we did a generation or two ago. “It's never appropriate for anyone to touch you there,” we teach our 3-year-olds. “Always tell an adult if someone makes you uncomfortable.” Kids today are taught to speak out and report bad behavior. It wasn't always that way, and most of us who were born before, say, 1980 developed other, quieter ways of dealing with dicey situations.

In the mid-1970s, when I was about 11 years old, I caught the school bus a few blocks from my house. I loved my freedom to walk alone each morning—we were all free-range kids then. One morning, a car pulled up to my bus stop, and

a man with shaggy blond hair called for me to come over and go for a ride with him.

I froze. I shook my head “no,” but the man persisted. After a moment of panic, I had an idea. I pulled my sweater open to reveal to him the silver safety-patrol badge pinned to my white safety-patrol belt strapped around my waist and across my chest. I wore it proudly, as I'd earned the coveted job of helping the younger students at my school get on and off the bus safely. But in that moment, it was my superpower. I remember the rush of adrenaline as I told the man in the car that I was on duty and he needed to leave me alone!

Confused by my precociousness (or possibly having second thoughts about abducting such an odd child), he sped off and I never saw him again. I felt thrilled that I'd fended off an obvious Bad Guy, but I felt weird about it too and so I didn't tell anyone. Not a soul.

Why would I? Nothing bad had actually happened, but if my parents found out they'd probably never let me walk alone to the bus stop again. No way was I going to jeopardize that.

Another time, also as a young child, a car pulled up as a few friends and I were playing on a neighbor's front porch. A man got out and started masturbating in front of us. We screamed in horror and he jumped back in his car and drove off. But, again, we never told any adults about it—I'm sure we felt too embarrassed to describe what we'd seen. And anyway, we'd taken care of it ourselves.

In today's world, both of those incidents might've made the local news. Our children are taught to report problems immediately and are far more comfortable using anatomical terms to describe what an adult might have done to them or in front of them.

The women of my generation carried our childhood coping strategies into adulthood. When someone—be it a Harvey Weinstein or a Joe Nobody—made us uncomfortable, we handled it ourselves and then tried to forget about it. We used humor—our own safety-patrol badges—to shrug off unwanted advances. We dubbed certain colleagues “creepy but harmless” and tried to avoid them. We shared some of our stories among ourselves, but we rarely reported them because the career risks seemed too great.

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A few of us fell prey to the more egregious office predators—and then we felt guilt and shame for being so gullible, or vulnerable. It felt confusing. But we soldiered on, smarter for it.

And along the way those predators learned they could get away with it. A few of them became CEOs or movie producers. TV personalities, presidents of the United States. Most are people you've never heard of, though, and some of them are our own colleagues. And still, if it's not too bad, we let it slide.

It's not just a Hollywood problem, see? Sexual harassment is an “everywhere people live and work” problem. Small-town offices, hospitals, factory floors, law firms, newsrooms. Why do we act so shocked when some big name gets caught? It's all around us, festering at every level, and it's time to call it out.

Women (and men) I know who are in their 20s wince at the stories we tell of the sexual harassment we've brushed off over the years. They say they'd never stand for it, and although that's easier said than done, I believe them. These are the 3-year-olds who were taught to raise hell if anyone touched them, and now they're filling the workforce.

The silver lining of a generation that became obsessed with trigger warnings and microaggressions is that these millennials also have a no-tolerance attitude toward sexual harassment, which is refreshing and welcome.

So let's take a cue from the next generation of leaders. Instead of shouting about the sins of Hollywood (or Washington), let's start talking—loudly and urgently—about the sexual harassment problem all around us.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲88° ▼78°

TUESDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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WEDNESDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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THURSDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

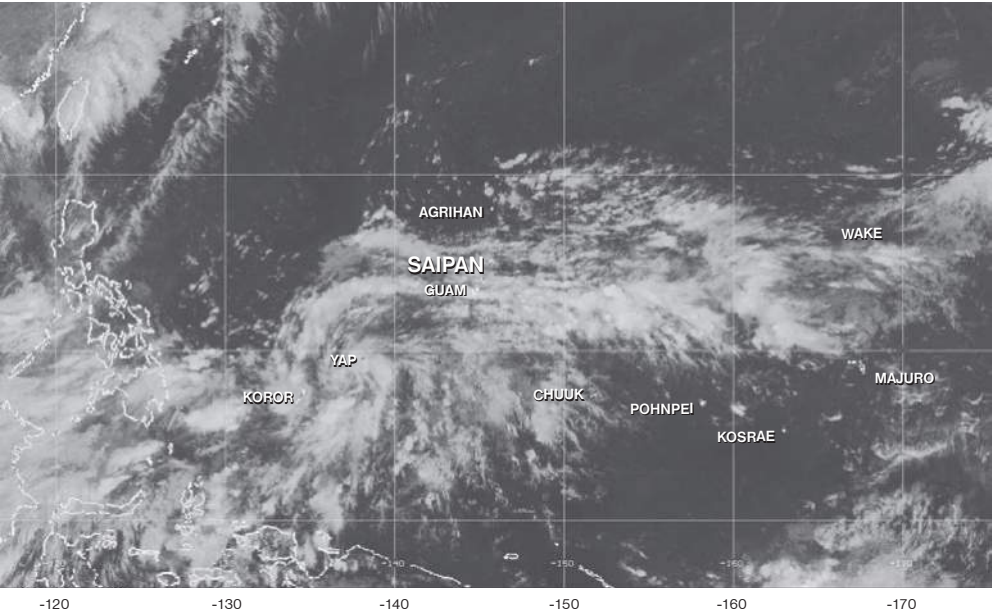
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FRIDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 8:55 AM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The tropical disturbance southwest of the Marianas is turning out to be a somewhat slow developer. This means it should have time to get away from Yap and Koror before the winds increase too much. The GFS spins it up faster though. It also does something that looks really odd...it extends a trough out, then spins up another tropical cyclone at the tip of that trough. It then moves this cyclone through the Marianas. Therefore used the ECMWF-HiRes for the winds. This resulted in a major change in the winds for the extended, removing the breezy wording from Saturday. This then led to a reduction in sea heights from the guidance that came in.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	83° / 77°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°	
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	87° / 77°	
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	87° / 77°	
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	86° / 81°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	61° / 54°	
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	88° / 75°	
Hong Kong	Showers	88° / 75°	
Honolulu	Windy	83° / 75°	
London	Partly Cloudy	66° / 57°	
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	88° / 61°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°	
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	81° / 64°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	84° / 79°	
New York	Mostly Cloudy	67° / 47°	
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	70° / 61°	
Paris	Sunny	73° / 55°	
Busan	Partly Cloudy	72° / 63°	
Rome	Mostly Sunny	79° / 55°	
Salem	Showers	85° / 67°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	74° / 50°	
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	70° / 48°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	66° / 54°	
Washington, DC	Showers	69° / 47°	

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11:02 AM	LOW TIDE	0.14	
5:41 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.92	
11:56 PM	LOW TIDE	0.64	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:08 AM	5:56 PM
Tuesday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
Wednesday	6:09 AM	5:54 PM
Thursday	6:09 AM	5:54 PM
Friday	6:09 AM	5:53 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	2:49 am	3:36 pm	-
Tuesday	3:43 am	4:19 pm	-
Wednesday	4:35 am	5:01 pm	-
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UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily	DL298	10:20am	3:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	2, 3, 4	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1, 2, 3
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6
ZE582	3:40am	7:00am	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	ZE581	9:00pm	2:40am+1	Daily
LJ652	4:45am	8:35am	Daily	LJ651	10:00pm	3:30am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (GHG)				HANGZHOU (GHG)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:00am	10:25am	1	JD395	8:10am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	8:15pm	4	JD395	10:05pm	5:30am+1	7
SAIPAN-NANJING (NKG)				NANJING (NKG)-SAIPAN			
XP889	4:45pm	10:30pm	3, 5, 7	XP888	9:35pm	4:00am+1	1, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:20pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UO43	4:40am	8:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	UO42	6:10pm	1:00am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
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3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
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GUAM TO ROTA			
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2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
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Support pours in for Ukulele Festival



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T Galleria DFS has been supporting the Ukulele Festival every year for the past three years.



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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC is providing support through cash and in-kind contributions.

Island businesses and CNMI government agencies are stepping up to support the 3rd Annual Marianas Ukulele Festival, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Confirmed sponsors so far include the Marianas Visitors Authority, Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, T Galleria DFS, Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan, radio station KKMP, Pacific Development Inc., Kinpachi Restaurant,

Top Development Inc., IT&E, Island Training Solutions, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, Marianas Medical Center, Robert T. Torres Law Office, Serenti Hotel, Triple J Enterprises, Pacific Islands Club, *Marianas Variety*, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Dave's Electronics, Star Sands Plaza (I Love Saipan), Herman's Modern Bakery, and R&M Printers.

The Marianas Ukulele Festival is a fun, family event

featuring continuous live entertainment, local food and arts and crafts booths, ukulele workshops/demonstrations, raffle drawings and surprises. It is free and open to the public.

Several highly established ukulele performers from Asia will be featured, including JazzoomCafe, Mariko Uchiumi, Yusuke Saito and Nanaco from Japan; Blues Lee, Vivian Kim and Ukulele Ensemble from Korea; and Vanessa Ding from Taiwan.

CNMI performers include the Saipan Community School, Alana'ia, Tata Lino Olopai and Ray Tebuteb, Sunset Cruisers, FESTPAC Warriors, Da Kine, Demalyn Pagarao, Jose Carreon and Juan Ichihara, and the Ukituki Band, among others. Workshops are scheduled from 12pm to 2pm, and open mic sessions will also be available for spontaneous performances.

Any ukulele players/groups interested in performing at the festival should contact Larry

Lee at marianasukefest@gmail.com or telephone 285-7127, or Gordon Marciano at 285-1195. Anyone interested in supporting the festival through cash or in-kind contributions should contact the same.

The Marianas Ukulele Festival Association is a registered, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and perpetuate ukulele music and heritage by bringing people of all ages together to share the love of

ukulele music; and to create an avenue for people of all cultures to share the island warmth and *Hafa Adai Tirow* spirit through the enjoyment of music and culture. One of the goals of the annual Marianas Ukulele Festival is to establish the Northern Marianas as a regionally renowned cultural and entertainment destination.

For more information, visit www.marianasukulelefestival.org. (PR)

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Commonwealth Zoning Board JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Zoning Office is seeking a qualified applicant for the following position. This is a full-time position on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1. Zoning Enforcement Tech (1)

Duties and Responsibilities:

Conduct field surveys; Collect land use information; Prepare and serve notices of violation and other compliance documents; Write follow-up enforcement notices; Maintain enforcement database and files; Prepare enforcement reports, Perform other related duties as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:

A minimum of 2 years background in the following:

Any combination of land use planning, zoning, public administration, public health & safety, business management, public policy, natural resource management, environmental management, land management, regulatory and permitting enforcement or related field; Proficiency with office software including MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook Explorer. Other desired experiences include ability to drive a stick-shift car and to walk into construction sites and across rough terrain; ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing; and ability to work flexible hours, including some evenings and weekends. Applicant must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

The salary will start at \$25,000. Health, life and retirement benefits are provided. Information about the Zoning Board and the Zoning Office may be viewed at the Zoning Board website: www.zoning.gov.mp. Application submittals should be addressed to the Zoning Enforcement Chief. Submittals may be sent via e-mail, FAX, U.S. mail, or hand delivered to the address below. Submittals must include a letter of interest, a CNMI Application For Employment, and a resume. The Application for Employment may be picked up from the Zoning Office or the Office of Personnel Management. Applicants must be US citizens, permanent residents or immediate relatives. Please send submittals to: E-mail: Yubert.Alepuyo@zoning.gov.mp or to the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

The deadline to receive applications and all requirements is Monday, November 6, 2017 at 4:30pm.

SIS names merit scholarship for founding principal

On Oct. 12, 2017, Saipan International School renamed its merit scholarship in the name of Karen King, the first principal of Saipan International School.

The SIS merit scholarship is now called the Karen King Merit Scholarship.

Elementary students and teachers were in attendance at a ceremony last Friday where King was awarded with a proclamation by the board, honoring her service to the school.

King was the first principal of the school and was instrumental in getting it set up and started on its path toward success. A long-time educator, King came to Saipan from California and believed that all students could succeed, given the right circumstances and that it was the school's duty to create the circumstances for success.



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Karen King, shown here holding the proclamation renaming the Merit Scholarship in her name, poses with Julia Newman, Ron Snyder, and Mili Saiki.

She began her career with SIS at the original campus and oversaw the groundbreaking and eventual move to its current location.

SIS teacher Mili Saiki said that King lived for the school. During the Middle Ages unit, King came to school dressed as a queen and created an atmosphere of family and global-mindedness throughout SIS.

"Without Karen King, there wouldn't be an SIS," added Roland Johnson, board member emeritus and board chair when King was principal.

Friday's board proclamation was signed by board chair George Hasselback. (PR)

"I still don't know what I want to do with my life, but I know I need to go to college."

So said Mount Carmel School senior Michelle Palacios, who began the college application process early this school year.

Palacios' journey is similar to many other AlumKnights who have walked the hallways of Mount Carmel School. Since opening its doors in 1952, and especially after it started Saipan's first high school in 1956, it has sustained a distinction for being a college-prep school.

That is reinforced by the countless AlumKnights who have earned admission into some of the world's leading institutions.

The benefits of college is something that 2016 AlumKnight Thomas Manglona II has emphasized since he was a freshman at his alma mater.

Manglona worked on his academic track record, taking

Advance Placement courses and supplementing his transcripts with a number of on-line courses.

Second, and just as important, Manglona developed a well-rounded résumé, starting a Journalism Club at the school, participating competitively in the National Speed and Debate Association, and serving as Student Council president in his senior year.

These opportunities paved the way toward his admission into UC Berkeley and being selected for the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholars program.

Now that Manglona is in college, he has come to a deeper appreciation for the value of higher education. For instance, he recognizes how much college helps students learn more about themselves and about others.

"College is a short period of life but is a highly condensed time where you

College prep at MCS



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Mount Carmel School AlumKnight Thomas Manglona II is proud of his island roots, posing for a photo here at the UC Botanical garden.

become more critical and learn new things that you did not even know you did not know," he said.

Manglona has taken these words to heart since arriving at Berkeley, where he is now the news director for Berkeley's CALTV news program and has earned the Lloyd LaCuesta Broadcast News Internship Grant from the AAJA.

One program that Palacios has availed of is the school's SAT Boot Camp. Since signing up for the camp, Palacios has seen her performance improve on practice tests.

Yearlong college prep

College-prep at the school, however, spans the entire year, not just College Week.

Just last week, 2013 AlumKnight and former Student Council president Jimin Ryu visited the school to share her experience transitioning from college to the workforce. As she finishes up her

last year at Korea University, Ryu has joined a new start-up company that is developing braille and other assistive technology to help the visually impaired make the most of smartphones and social media.

However, Ryu pointed out that she never thought she would enter this field. "It helps to have a plan, but it helps even more to be flexible and ready."

This resonated with Palacios, who has struggled with what to do with her life. "The most helpful speaker so far has been Jimin Ryu, because despite her success as a student, she found a new path from what she initially intended."

It has also reassured Palacios as she moves forward with her college applications. "I don't really feel pressure from my family, but I've been pressuring myself. Listening to Jimin helps take some of that pressure off." (PR)



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2013 Mount Carmel School AlumKnight Jimin Ryu shares her exciting journey helping a new start-up company.



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Mount Carmel School senior Michelle Palacios practices a drill as part of the school's SAT Boot Camp.

Business

Pro-Trump states most affected by his health care decision

By CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY and
MEGHAN HOYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Donald Trump's decision to end a provision of the Affordable Care Act that was benefiting roughly 6 million Americans helps fulfill a campaign promise, but it also risks harming some of the very people who helped him win the presidency.

Nearly 70 percent of those benefiting from the so-called cost-sharing subsidies live in states Trump won last November, according to an analysis by The Associated Press. The number underscores the political risk for Trump and his party, which could end up owning the blame for increased costs and chaos in the insurance marketplace.

The subsidies are paid to insurers by the federal government to help lower consumers' deductibles and co-pays. People who benefit will con-



AP
President Donald Trump speaks to the 2017 Value Voters Summit, Friday, Oct. 13, 2017, in Washington.

one—Massachusetts—went for Trump.

Kentucky embraced former President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act under its last governor, a Democrat, and posted some of the largest gains in getting its residents insured. Its new governor, a Republican, favors the GOP stance to replace it with something else.

Roughly half of the estimated 71,000 Kentuckians buying health insurance on the federal exchange were benefiting from the cost-sharing subsidies Trump just ended. Despite the gains from Obama's law, the state went for Trump last fall even as he vowed to repeal it.

Consumers such as Marsha Clark fear what will happen in the years ahead, as insurers raise premiums on everyone to make up for the end of the federal money that helped lower deductibles and co-pays.

"I'm stressed out about the insurance, stressed out about the overall economy, and I'm very stressed out about our president," said Clark, a 61-year-old real estate broker who lives in a small town about an hour's drive south of Louisville. She pays \$1,108 a month for health insurance purchased on the exchange.

Improving world economy still needs help from low rates

WASHINGTON (AP)—The world economy is the healthiest it's been in years but could still use a little help from low-interest rates and higher government spending from countries that can afford it, the International Monetary Fund says.

"There was a strong consensus that the global outlook is strengthening," said Agustin Carstens, governor of the Bank of Mexico and outgoing chair of the IMF's policy committee. "This does not mean we are declaring victory just yet."

The 189-member IMF and its sister agency, the World Bank, wrapped up three days of meetings Saturday.

The IMF expects the global economy to grow 3.6 percent this year, up from 3.2 percent in 2016. And three-quarters of the global economy is growing, making this the broadest recovery in a decade.

But IMF and World Bank officials pointed to risks that could derail global growth. Geopolitical risks are rising, including a confrontation between the United States and North Korea over Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program. The income gap between rich and poor is growing, fueling political discontent with the free trade and global cooperation that the IMF and World Bank promote.

So in a communique Saturday, the IMF's policy

committee called on world central banks to protect the fragile global recovery by keeping interest rates down in countries where inflation is too low and economies are performing below potential.

IMF officials have also urged some countries with healthy finances — such as Germany and South Korea — to make investments that will spur growth.

IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde appealed to countries to enact reforms that will make their economies more efficient and spread prosperity to those who have been left behind. Specifically, Lagarde argued that countries could improve their economies and reduce inequality by putting more women to work, improving their access to credit and narrowing their pay gap with men.

On Saturday, Ivanka Trump, the president's daughter and a White House adviser, appeared with World Bank President Jim Yong Kim to launch a World Bank initiative to support women entrepreneurs. The World Bank fund has raised \$350 million which is designed to allow the World Bank to deploy at least \$1 billion in capital to finance women-owned businesses.

Ivanka Trump told the audience that she wanted to "spend a lot of time offering any value that I can as a mentor."

tinue receiving the discounts because insurers are obligated by law to provide them. But to make up for the lost federal funding, health insurers will have to raise premiums substantially, potentially putting coverage out of reach for many consumers.

Some insurers may decide to bail out of markets altogether.

"I woke up, really, in horror," said Alice Thompson, 62, an environmental consultant from the Milwaukee area who

purchases insurance on Wisconsin's federally run health insurance exchange.

Thompson, who spoke with reporters on a call organized by a health care advocacy group, said she expects to pay 30 percent to 50 percent more per year for her monthly premium, potentially more than her mortgage payment. Officials in Wisconsin, a state that went for a Republican presidential candidate for the first time in decades last fall, assumed the

federal subsidy would end when they approved premium rate increases averaging 36 percent for the coming year.

An estimated 4 million people were benefiting from the cost-sharing payments in the 30 states Trump carried, according to an analysis of 2017 enrollment data from the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Of the 10 states with the highest percentage of consumers benefiting from cost-sharing, all but

Boeing and Airbus sales of planes to Iran safe for now

By DAVID KOENIG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Donald Trump's decision not to re-impose sanctions against Iran is good news for Boeing and its European rival, Airbus, which can continue doing business with Iranian airlines that are desperate for new planes.

Between them, Boeing and Airbus have announced deals with Iranian airlines that, if finalized, could cover nearly 300 planes worth \$40 billion.

Still, those numbers pale in comparison to standing orders at both companies. Boeing has a backlog of orders that would take more than eight years to fill even if it never made another sale. Airbus has a similarly long list.

"This isn't a make-or-break type of thing for either company, but it is definitely good for both Boeing and Airbus," said Douglas Harned, a Bernstein analyst who tracks Chicago-based Boeing Co.

Boeing declined to comment beyond a brief state-

ment saying that it follows U.S. guidelines and is in close touch with regulators regarding sales to Iran. Airbus declined to comment.

Iran wants to modernize its ancient, accident-prone aviation industry. Years of Western sanctions prevented Iranian airlines from buying new planes from Boeing and Airbus, the duo that dominate the global aircraft-manufacturing market. Iran also has had trouble buying spare parts for planes that date to the 1970s.

The 2015 agreement negotiated by the Obama administration lifted some sanctions on Iran and cleared the way for aircraft sales. Both Boeing and Airbus need U.S. Treasury Department permission for such sales—in the case of Airbus, which is not a U.S. company, that is because some of its airplane components come from U.S. suppliers.

Even without the re-imposed sanctions, however, hurdles still remain. Richard Aboulafia, an analyst with Teal Group, an aviation and defense consulting

firm, said the Iranian airlines could yet have trouble financing their orders, partly because banks are unlikely to loan them money until Iran signs the Cape Town Agreement, an international treaty that includes provisions for repossessing capital assets like planes.

And American politics could still play a role, with Trump leaving it to Congress to consider next steps.

Some in Congress, including Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., want to stop the aircraft sales to Iran. In September, the House approved a measure to block Treasury from approving future aircraft deals and possibly hinder the Iranians' ability to finance pending purchases. The bill's fate in the Senate is uncertain.

Boeing and Airbus currently have firm contracts to sell 180 planes to Iran—100 by Airbus, 80 by Boeing—and tentative deals for more planes.

■ In December 2016, Boeing said it signed a contract with Iran Air for the sale of \$16.6 billion worth of

planes—30 large 777s typically used on long routes and 50 737 Max 8s, a new version of Boeing's workhorse short-haul plane.

■ The same month, Airbus finalized a deal with Iran Air for 100 planes worth more than \$18 billion at list prices; A320s, A330s and A350s.

■ In April, just over two months after Trump was sworn in, Boeing said Aseman Airlines signed its intent to buy 30 737 Max jets worth \$3 billion, and an option for 30 more. The sale has not been finalized, according to a Boeing spokesman.

■ In June, Airbus said Airtour Airlines and Zagros Airlines had committed to buy 73 planes worth \$2.5 billion.

Those figures are list prices—Iran would likely pay Boeing and Airbus far less—and would be spread over many years. And the sales themselves don't amount to a huge chunk of business when considering Boeing's revenue in 2016 was \$94.6 billion and Airbus took in 66.6 billion Euros (\$78.7 billion).

Nation

Wildfires now up to 100 miles wide as death toll reaches 40

SONOMA, Calif. (AP)—The California wildfires raced toward wineries and the historic town of Sonoma on Saturday, chasing hundreds more people from their homes and threatening to roll back firefighters' modest gains against fires that stretched across a 100-mile swath of Northern California.

Propelled by stiff winds, the fires damaged or destroyed several buildings in the middle of the night before crews halted their advance at the edge of Sonoma, where firefighters spent days digging firebreaks to keep flames from reaching the city's historic central plaza built centuries ago when the area was under Spanish rule.

For those living in the huge fire zone, it was another night spent watching, waiting and fearing the worst.

John Saguto said he awoke several hours before dawn at his home east Sonoma to see flames "lapping up" 300 to 500 yards away. He and his neighbors evacuated as fire-trucks raced up and down the streets and hot embers flew over their heads.

The fire made "a strong run" into Sonoma and damaged or destroyed additional buildings before firefighters stopped it, said Dave Teter, deputy director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Several homes and other structures near a vineyard east of



AP
A firefighter holds a water hose while fighting a wildfire Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017, in Santa Rosa, Calif.

downtown were in smoldering ruins. Firefighters hosed down embers and knocked down walls that could topple over.

As of Saturday afternoon, Teter said crews did not expect any more losses in that area. But gusts up to 25 mph were forecast for the rest of the day.

Nearly a week after the blazes began, the fires have left 40 people dead and destroyed at least 5,700 homes and businesses, making them the deadliest and most destructive

group of wildfires in California history. Some 300 people remain unaccounted for, though officials think they'll locate most of those people alive.

Most of the deceased are believed to have died late on Oct. 8 or early Oct. 9, when the fires exploded and took people by surprise in the dead of night. Most of the victims were elderly, though they ranged in age from 14 to 100.

"It's a horror that no one could have imagined," Gov. Jer-

ry Brown said, after driving past hundreds of "totally destroyed" homes with Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris.

From the sky, large subdivisions that burned to the ground looked like black and white photos. Each neatly outlined lot is full of ashen rubble. Cars are burned a darker gray. Trees still standing are charred black. Only streets look unscathed.

Brown, 79, and Feinstein, 84, said the fires were the worst of their lifetimes. The

two veteran politicians reminded people that the blazes remain a threat and that people need to leave their homes when told to go.

No causes have been de-

22 wildfires spanning more than 265 square miles enter their fourth day across California



termined for the fires, though power lines downed by winds are seen as a possibility.

Although some evacuees were returning home in Mendocino County, the latest estimates were that about 100,000 people were under evacuation orders as the fires burned for a sixth day.

Twitter turns over 'handles' of 201 Russia-linked accounts

MENLO PARK, Calif. (AP)—Twitter has handed over to Senate investigators the profile names, or "handles," of 201 accounts linked to Russian attempts at influencing the 2016 presidential election. The company has stepped up its efforts to cooperate with investigators after it was criticized for not taking congressional probes seriously enough.

The handover occurred this week, according to a person familiar with the matter who was not authorized to speak publicly about it.

What remains unclear is whether posts associated with those accounts have been deleted from Twitter's servers. Politico reported on Friday that the company had deleted the tweets in line with its privacy policy. Twitter had no comment on that report.

The company's policy calls for removing tweets that a user deletes on their own. But that policy also states that some tweets can survive the process. For instance, retweets of deleted tweets will remain live if the retweeter added a comment. Twitter also can't remove tweets that have been temporarily stored, or "cached," by services such as Google or reposted on other sites.

Twitter might be able to

recover some information about any deleted tweets, according to another person familiar with the situation who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the investigation. That person added that the company is working with investigators to find information that's useful.

The account handles previously hadn't been submitted in part due to legal privacy issues, the person said.

Twitter is set to appear Nov. 1 before the Senate intelligence committee at a public hearing. Both Facebook and Google have been invited to testify at the same hearing.

Twitter previously uncovered the accounts linked to Russia's Internet Research Agency — a notorious "troll farm" known for pushing out pro-Russian positions via fake accounts — by using information provided by Facebook, which found 470 Russia-linked pages or accounts. After looking for patterns linking those accounts and pages to accounts on its service, Twitter said it had suspended 22 accounts that pushed divisive social or political issues during the 2016 campaign. It found another 179 related or linked accounts and took action against those that violated its spam rules.

Dozens gravely wounded in Vegas face long road to recovery

LAS VEGAS (AP)—The bullets are still there.

For the dozens of people who remain hospitalized in Las Vegas from the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history, the onslaught isn't over. The pain lingers. They remain haunted by the uncertainty of their recovery.

"My fear is that I won't progress, you know. I want to be able to walk again. I want to be able to function normally," said Michael Caster, who was paralyzed in the shooting. "I'm happy to be alive, that I got out of there, but I want to have a good life going forward, too."

The hospital worker from the Palm Springs, California, area is one of about 45 people still hospitalized in four Las Vegas hospitals after the shooting that left 58 people dead and more than 500 wounded, most with gunshots.

Loved ones linger at their bedside, offering comfort and a familiar face in an unfamiliar place. They, too, face challenges in caring for family

members away from home.

The Oct. 1 shooting left the world grieving for those who died, in awe of the ordinary people and the first responders who took heroic life-saving actions, and mystified over why gunman Stephen Paddock perched himself on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay casino-hotel tower and unleashed more than 1,000 bullets on an outdoor country music festival concert site.

About a third of those still hospitalized remain in critical condition nearly two weeks later. Grateful to have survived, they and their families must face the reality that the recovery will be difficult, and, for some, incomplete.

Dr. Sean Dort, a trauma surgeon and trauma center medical director at the Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican Hospital's Siena campus, said many of his patients have life-changing injuries.

"The longer you are in critical condition, the higher chance of poor outcome," Dort said. "But as long as they

are continuing to get better and not worse, I don't mind which day it is."

Caster, 41, plans to leave Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center in the coming days after being shot through his left side at the Route 91 Harvest Festival on the Las Vegas Strip. The bullet blew through his lung, near his heart, and either it or bone fragment ended up in his spine. He has lost all feeling and function from the waist down.

The fragment is still there, too risky to remove. Caster is eager to start a two-month program at a Colorado hospital specializing in spinal injuries.

He's calm, even a bit reserved, yet smiles broadly and easily in lighter moments, like when talking about his lukewarm taste for country music. Caster attended the festival with his girlfriend and a group of friends.

He pauses with emotion when reflecting on the road ahead and the frightening prospect that he may never walk again. His demeanor

turns from laid-back to grim.

"There's no way of really telling, so we'll just kind of take it day by day," he said. "I got to stay positive, you know. Pray. Hope for the best. That's what we're going to do."

Around the corner at Sunrise, which saw the most patients as the closest hospital to the shooting scene, Regina Fowler, 82, hopes her son will recover enough to return to his job as a firefighter.

Doctors told Kurt Fowler, 41, that it could take a year for him to walk again after losing 2 inches (51 millimeters) of bone from the bullet that shattered his lower right leg. The Lake Havasu, Arizona, man will likely have to return for treatment to Las Vegas - more than two hours from where he lives with his wife and three kids. His elderly mother hopes he'll be able to get rides from his colleagues.

"All he wants is just to be able to walk, go back to work and take care of his family," his mother said. "He wants to go home."

Asia

Rohingya refugee influx inspires Bangladeshi aid—and worry

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—They had seen the images of Rohingya Muslim refugees arriving hungry and exhausted after traveling days without food to reach Myanmar's border with Bangladesh. They had heard the stories of gunshot wounds and midnight escapes from angry mobs and soldiers.

So when the rickshaw pullers, tea stall vendors and other villagers in northern Bangladesh's Mymensingh district were asked to give, they did—in days raising \$10,000 to donate to hospitals and refugee camps helping those who fled in what is now Asia's largest refugee crisis in decades.

"They came forward with whatever they had, whatever they could give us," said Mohammad Abdullah-al-Kafi, who helped collect the donations and then traveled to a refugee camp to hand them out. "I could not hold my tears when we got there and saw their suffering. We cried, and they cried as we distributed money."

The sheer need of the Rohingya Muslims has inspired similar grassroots campaigns across Bangladesh, a Muslim-majority nation in which there is great sympathy for the Rohingya's tales of persecution and abuse in largely Buddhist Myanmar. The government also has stepped up to pro-



In this Oct. 5, 2017 file photo, Rohingya women carry children and wait for food handouts at Thangkhal refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

vide aid, including building more camps to house the some 500,000 refugees who have arrived in just seven weeks, fleeing what the United Nations has described as "text-book ethnic cleansing."

Some in this already impoverished and overpopulated nation, however, have begun to worry that the staggering influx of people could sap Ban-

gladesh's resources and push the economy — and those already struggling to compete in it — to the brink.

"We are glad to shelter them for the sake of humanity," said Mohammed Zakaria, who cheered Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Dhaka's international airport upon her return this month from the U.N. General Assembly in New York. "But when I think deeply, I feel uncertain. Is it good for my country? Is it OK? I don't know."

Hasina has played down such fears and said that if her country has the ability to feed its 160 million citizens, surely it can find food for less than a million more.

"If necessary, Bangladeshis will eat one full meal a day and share the rest with Rohingya," she said last week.

Still, the humanitarian effort has come at a steep financial cost for Bangladesh, where nearly a third of people live in poverty on less than \$2 a day. The country had already been

sheltering hundreds of thousands of Rohingya refugees who had fled earlier rounds of violence in Myanmar and the new arrivals quickly pushed existing refugee camps along the border beyond capacity.

United Nations representatives in Dhaka said last month that handling the Rohingya crisis would require at least \$200 million over the next six months — but since then, the number of Rohingya arrivals has increased by another 100,000.

"The figure we get from the U.N. is huge, and only a portion is coming from aid agencies and international community," said economist Khondaker Golam Moazzem, research director at the independent think tank Center for Policy Dialogue. "What will Bangladesh do for the rest?"

It's unclear exactly how much Bangladesh has already spent sheltering the Rohingya, but the government has said the forests it cleared for new refugee camps were worth \$18 million alone.

The worry is making its way to the streets of Bangladesh. While some are nervous about security and concerns that some Rohingya could be involved in terrorism, the greater fear is economic. There is anxiety that if the Rohingya stay they could, take jobs from Bangladeshis.

"If a Bangladeshi charged 10 takas for a work, they will do that work for 5 takas and we will be in more trouble," said businessman Wasim Iftekhar.

Another businessman, Robiul Islam Palash, shared similar concern.

"From the economic perspective, the Rohingya Muslims will not be able to join any workforce" officially, he said. "We will not be able to ensure their food, clothing, housing and medical facilities. What we can do is help them temporarily, but I don't think this is a permanent solution."



ASIAN BRIEFS

Death toll in Vietnam flooding, landslides rises to 68

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—The death toll from landslides and heavy rain triggered by a tropical depression in Vietnam has climbed to 68, with another 34 people missing, officials said Sunday. The Vietnam Disaster Management Authority said in a statement that the disasters have also injured 32 people, damaged infrastructure and killed more than 230,000 livestock in central and northern regions. The storm hit Vietnam on Tuesday and authorities have been dealing with the fallout since. Disaster officials in the hardest-hit province of Hoa Binh in the north, where 20 people have died, said some 300 soldiers, police and militia were still searching for eight people missing from a landslide. Meanwhile, Tropical Storm Khanun is weakening as it moves toward the Tonkin Gulf and is expected to bring rains to northern and central Vietnam.

Philippine plane veers off runway, passengers evacuated

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Philippine plane carrying more than 180 passengers and crewmen veered off the runway after landing in a central province, prompting the pilot to order an evacuation of the aircraft, officials said Saturday. The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines said all passengers and crew of Cebu Pacific airline's Airbus 320 aircraft were safe following late Friday's incident, which caused the plane's front landing gear to get stuck in a grassy area at the end of the runway at Iloilo province's international airport. More than 40 domestic and regional flights have been cancelled and airport crews were working to remove the stalled aircraft, which was partly blocking the runway, to allow flights to resume Saturday night. Cebu Pacific, a leading Philippine carrier known for its budget flights, said it was working with authorities to investigate the incident and hasten the airport's reopening.

Duterte says he refused British aid, ready to lose Europe

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine president said he has asked his finance secretary to reject an unspecified British financial aid package and that he's ready to cut diplomatic ties with all European countries critical of his deadly anti-drug crackdown.

President Rodrigo Duterte also threatened in a state TV talk show late Friday "to declare a revolutionary government until the end of my term" to allow him to arrest opponents and launch an all-out war against communist guerrillas if they seriously attempt to destabilize his government.

Duterte's latest outburst against critics came after an independent poll made public this past week showed that his approval rating has dropped to its lowest level since he took office last year, amid an outcry over unabated drug killings and allegations that he has unexplained wealth.

The Social Weather Stations said its Sept. 23-27 nationwide survey showed Duterte's satisfaction rating dropping by 18 points to 48, a level classified as "good," compared from its last survey in June, when he got a "very good" 66-point rating.

Amid renewed criticisms of his anti-drug campaign, which has left thousands of mostly poor suspects dead, Duterte has barred the national police for the second time from enforcing his crackdown and designated a small antinarcotics agency to spearhead his crackdown.

The volatile leader has also been incensed by concerns over the drug killings raised by a small group of European parliamentarians and human rights advocates, who recently visited Manila.

"I am prepared to lose all diplomatic relationships with all of the European countries now. ... You're not allowed

to enter here now. I will write that letter," Duterte said, adding that the Philippines could drop European imports.

Duterte said his country could survive "as long as I have China, Russia and Eastern Europe," along with a bloc of Southeast Asian nations that he currently heads.

He said that Philippine Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III recently informed him of a financial package Britain wanted to provide, but that he told Dominguez to reject the offer. "Tell them Duterte may use that to buy guns and ammunition to carry out extrajudicial killings, so keep your money," Duterte said he told his finance chief.

British officials were not immediately available for comment.

The 72-year-old president, known for his bombastic speeches, also warned that he would declare "a revolutionary government" to contain

any serious threat by political opponents and communist rebels to undermine his administration. "I will arrest all of you and we can go to a full-scale war against the Reds," Duterte said. "I'm prepared, that's why I've gotten more soldiers. ... Why did I ask for new arms?"

Duterte has made such bold threats in the past but later walked back on his public remarks. He threatened Thursday to expel EU ambassadors and suggested they could be asked to leave the Philippines in 24 hours, but his spokesman later clarified that the diplomats would not face expulsion.

He has denied he has a policy condoning unlawful drug killings. Following public outrage over the shooting death of a teenage student in August, he has warned police officers that they would be locked up in jail if they murder drug suspects.

World

Trump's speech sparks a new war of words between US, Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—President Donald Trump's refusal to certify the Iran nuclear deal has sparked a new war of words between the Islamic Republic and America, fueling growing mistrust and a sense of nationalism among Iranians.

The speech has served to unite Iranians across the political spectrum — fed also by anger over Trump's refusal to refer to the Persian Gulf, the waterway through which a third of all oil traded by sea passes, by name.

The reaction is undercutting those trying to change Iran's clerically overseen government from within, and likely will strengthen the hand of hard-liners who long have insisted the U.S. remains the same "Great Satan" denounced in the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

"Under the deal, it was supposed to be that we get concessions, not that we give more concessions," the hard-line newspaper Kayhan raged.

Iranian officials and media outlets on Saturday uniformly condemned Trump for accusing Iran of violating the spirit of the 2015 accord and calling on Congress to toughen the law governing U.S. participation. Trump said he was not ready to pull out of the deal but warned he would do so if it were not improved.

In a televised speech shortly after Trump made his announcement, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said his country would remain in the deal, but criticized Trump's words, referring to them as "cursing and futile accusations."

Rouhani also said Iran would continue to build and test ballistic missiles, something allowed under the nuclear deal though Americans believe it violates



Pedestrians make their way on a sidewalk in downtown Tehran, Iran, Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017.

the accord's spirit.

"We have always been determined, and today we are more determined," Rouhani said. "We will double our efforts from now on."

The Iranian president also offered a list of moments that showed the United States could not be trusted by the average Iranian, dating back to the 1953 CIA-backed coup that cemented U.S.-backed Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's power.

Like many others in Iran, Rouhani focused on the fact that Trump used the term "Arabian Gulf" to refer to the Persian Gulf. Some traded online video clips of past American presidents calling it the Persian Gulf, while one semi-

official news agency published a photo gallery with the title "Persian Gulf forever."

Posts with (hashtag) PersianGulf and the Iranian flag circulated on social media.

The name of the body of water has become an emotive issue for Iranians who embrace their country's long history as the Persian Empire, especially as U.S. Gulf Arab allies and the American military now call it the "Arabian Gulf." Rouhani even suggested during his speech that Trump needed to "study geography."

"Everyone knew Trump's friendship was for sale to the highest bidder. We now know that his geography is, too," Iranian Foreign Minis-

ter Mohammad Javad Zarif wrote on Twitter.

Zarif went on, with sarcasm, to mention Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, all hereditarily ruled Gulf nations, writing: "No wonder supporters of Trump's inane Iran speech are

those bastions of democracy in the Persian Gulf."

Later in the day, Zarif said in a televised interview that "Trump and the U.S. are not in a position to certify Iran's compliance to its commitments" under the deal.

Zarif said the United Nations'

nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, is the only authorized body for certification of the deal.

"Any time that the Islamic Republic feels activities are not enough in lifting sanctions, it can have its own options, and one of them is quitting the deal," he said.

Reformist activist Mostafa Tajzadeh, who spent seven years in prison following the turmoil of the 2009 disputed reelection of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, also urged a united stance against Trump.

"One nation, one message: No to (hashtag)Trump. We're all in this together," Tajzadeh tweeted.

Recent surveys have said an increasing majority of Iranians are skeptical that the U.S. will live up to its obligations in the nuclear deal. Meanwhile, most have yet to see the benefits of the deal itself as Iran's economy still struggles to overcome rampant inflation, few jobs and bad loans to its banks.

"Iran has in no way violated the nuclear deal, and as far as we know it has always remained committed to its promises, but it has always been (the Americans) who have broken their promises and have had other options on the table," Tehran resident Hamed Ghassemi said.

WORLD BRIEFS

4 Moldovans dead in cargo plane crash off Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP)—A cargo plane chartered by the French military crashed into the Atlantic Ocean on its approach to the international airport in Abidjan, killing four crew members from Moldova and injuring six others from Moldova and France, officials said Saturday. Ten people were aboard the plane arriving from the capital of neighboring Burkina Faso, Lt. Issa Sakho, commander of the military fire brigade, said on national television. The French Defense Ministry said the four French nationals included a civilian and three military personnel. It said the plane was chartered for operations in Western Africa. The French have forces in several Sahel countries, including Burkina Faso, to help combat extremists. Moldova's foreign ministry said in a statement it was trying to determine whether the victims were Moldovan citizens. The cause of the crash was not yet known. Earlier reports indicated the plane had taken off from Abidjan.

Infighting threatens to derail Catalan separatists in Spain

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Catalonia's separatist movement is at risk of breaking apart over deepening infighting about the right strategy to culminate the long-held desire for the prosperous region to secede from Spain and become an independent state. Diehard separatists are pushing for a definitive declaration of independence in the next few days. Moderates still hope to open negotiations with Spanish authorities who insist the disputed referendum on which such a declaration would be based

was illegal. The fault lines widened on Saturday, when the far-left CUP party demanded an unambiguous affirmation of Catalan independence from regional president Carles Puigdemont by the Monday deadline given by Spain's central government. If Puigdemont does not comply, CUP spokeswoman Nuria Gibert said the party will threaten to withdraw its support for his ruling coalition in Catalonia's regional parliament. Such a move would likely bring down Puigdemont's government and force elections. "Until there is (a declaration of independence), we don't see any sense in continuing normal parliamentary activity," Gibert said.

7 dead in Kenya school shooting in suspected revenge attack

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—Gunmen shot dead seven people, including six students, in a raid on a high school early Saturday that appeared to be a revenge attack by a student who had been suspended for fighting, a Kenya police official said. The shooting occurred at dawn at Lokichogio Mixed Secondary School near the countries' border, Rift Valley regional criminal investigations chief Gideon Kibunja said. The attackers were thought to be from neighboring South Sudan. A key suspect was a senior at the school who was suspended last week after he was found fighting and vowed to take revenge, Kibunja said. The gunmen were looking for the school's principal and the student involved in the fight but couldn't find them, so they shot other students out of frustration, he said. The suspended student was arrested later Saturday, but Kibunja said angry members of the public overwhelmed police and killed him.

Huge blast rocks Somalia's capital; police say 20 killed

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—A huge explosion from a truck bomb killed 20 people in Somalia's capital, police said Saturday, as shaken residents called it the most powerful blast they'd heard in years.

The explosion appeared to target a hotel on a busy road in Hodan district and at least 15 people were injured, police Capt. Mohamed Hussein said. Security forces had been trailing the truck after it raised suspicions, he said.

Police said people were trapped in the rubble of the Safari Hotel, which was largely destroyed in the explosion. The hotel is close to Somalia's foreign ministry. Rescue workers were at the scene.

The Somalia-based extrem-

ist group al-Shabab recently stepped up attacks on army bases across south and central Somalia. While there was no immediate claim of responsibility for Saturday's blast, al-Shabab often targets high-profile areas of Mogadishu with deadly bombings.

Gunshots could be heard at the site, and ambulance sirens wailed across the capital, which has been under tight security with military-manned checkpoints.

The explosion left a trail of destruction across a busy intersection, with several bodies and bloodied slippers and shoes. Windows of nearby buildings were shattered. Overturned cars lay in the street, burning. A large plume

of smoke rose nearby.

"There was a traffic jam and the road was packed with bystanders and cars," said Abdinur Abdulle, a waiter at a nearby restaurant. "It's a disaster," he said sadly.

The blast occurred two days after the head of the U.S. Africa Command was in Mogadishu to meet with Somalia's president, and two days after the country's defense minister and army chief resigned for undisclosed reasons.

The U.S. military has stepped up drone strikes and other efforts this year against the al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab, which is also fighting the Somali military and over 20,000 African Union forces in the country.

Health & Fitness



before you grab a snack

During a busy day, a healthy snack can calm hunger, provide energy and reduce the chances you'll eat less nutritious foods. But, before reaching for the next snack, ask yourself an important question.

Do you really need a snack? "You can even think of the acronym HALT," says

Angie Murad, a dietitian for the Mayo Clinic Healthy Living Program. "So am I truly hungry? Am I angry, lonely or tired?"

Murad says if your answer doesn't start with "H," skip the snack. She suggests taking a short walk or calling a friend.

"Do some type of alternate activity to get you out of that pattern of impulse eating," she adds.

If you truly are hungry, reach first for fruits and vegetables.

"They are high in fiber," explains Murad. "So they can help you feel satisfied for longer periods of time."

Murad says the same is true of snacks that contain protein—like a hard-boiled egg, low-fat cheeses or hummus.

"Nuts are also a good healthy snack," she adds.

Although, Murad cautions,

nuts are higher in calories—an important consideration in snacks.

"If you're not very active, then you want to consider a snack that's 200 calories or lower," explains Murad.

Think 100 to 200 calories if you're not moving around a lot. Even if you're more active, try to keep snacks to less than 300 calories. (*Mayo Clinic News Network/TNS*)

5 nutrition tips to maximize your workouts

Did you know when and what you eat can have an impact on your workout? Eating and exercise are connected.

According to Dr. John M. Murphy, Family Medicine, Mayo Clinic Health System, you can maximize the effectiveness of your workouts by using a few tips:

EAT A HEALTHY BREAKFAST

If you exercise in the morning, get up early enough to finish breakfast at least one hour before your workout. This will give you energy and raise your blood sugar. If you don't eat, you might feel sluggish or lightheaded when you exercise. Good breakfast options include whole-grain cereals or bread, bananas, and yogurt. A cup of coffee is OK, too. Emphasize carbohydrates for maximum energy.

SIZE MATTERS

You want to be careful not to overeat before exercise. Eat large meals at least three to four hours before exercising. Small meals should be eaten two to three hours before exercising. You can have small snacks an hour before exercising. Eating too much can leave you sluggish, and eating too little may not give you the energy to stay strong during your workout.

SNACK WELL

Most people can eat small snacks right before and during exercise. It's important to do what feels best for you. Snacks shortly before exercising

probably won't give you an energy boost, but they can help maintain blood sugar levels and prevent distracting hunger pains. Good snack options include energy bars, yogurt, low-fat granola bars and peanut butter sandwiches.

EAT AFTER YOU EXERCISE

Eating after you exercise will help your muscles recover. If possible, within two hours, you'll want to eat a meal that contains protein and carbohydrates. Good post-workout food choices include yogurt and fruit, peanut butter sandwiches, pasta with meatballs and chicken with brown rice.

DRINK UP

Remember to drink fluids. You need adequate fluids before, during and after exercise to prevent dehydration. The American College of Sports Medicine recommends you drink two to three cups of water before your workout, half to one cup of water every 15 to 20 minutes during your workout, and two to three cups after your workout for every pound of weight you lose during the workout.

"The duration and intensity of your workout will determine how often and what you should eat and drink," says Murphy. "Pay attention to how you feel during your workout, as well as your overall performance. Let your body guide you on which eating habits work best for you." (*Mayo Clinic News Network/TNS*)

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Life & Style

Motion Picture Academy expels movie mogul Weinstein

LOS ANGELES (AP)—In a move virtually unprecedented, disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein's membership in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was revoked Saturday by its board.

The decision was reached in an emergency session by the academy, the world's top

movie organization and home to the Oscars. The expulsion was effective immediately.

It comes after recent reports by The New York Times and The New Yorker about sexual harassment and rape allegations against Weinstein going back decades. He has denied the ac-

cusations against him.

In issuing its decision, the academy stated "We do so not simply to separate ourselves from someone who does not merit the respect of his colleagues but also to send a message that the era of willful ignorance and shameful complicity in sexually

predatory behavior and workplace harassment in our industry is over."

"What's at issue here," the statement added, "is a deeply troubling problem that has no place in our society."



Weinstein

films in contention for Oscars that ended up online.

The academy's swift and severe ruling against Weinstein may raise questions about other acad-

"Shakespeare in Love," was ousted a week ago from The Weinstein Co., the movie and TV production company he co-founded with his brother Bob and which now is struggling to survive the scandal.

In an interview published Saturday by The Hollywood Reporter, Bob Weinstein called for his "sick and depraved" brother to be kicked out of the academy.

Speaking more broadly, Bob Weinstein added, "I want him to get the justice that he deserves."

On Wednesday, Harvey Weinstein's membership in the British Academy of Film and Television Arts was revoked.

Report: Harvey Weinstein's brother in a 'waking nightmare'

NEW YORK (AP)—The brother of disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein and co-founder of the company that now finds itself in crisis says he's in "a waking nightmare" and had no idea "the type of predator" his brother is accused of being.

"I want him to get the justice he deserves," Bob Weinstein said.

Bob, 62, operated in the shadow of his much more public and flamboyant older brother for more than 30 years as they partnered in Miramax and, more recently, The Weinstein Co. But in an interview published Saturday by The Hollywood Reporter, he said that he and Harvey, 65, have barely spoken in five years.

The brothers ran separate divisions of their company, from opposite coasts—Bob in Los Angeles, Harvey in New York.

"The members of the board, including myself, did not know the extent of my brother's actions," Weinstein said in the interview. He said he knew his brother was unfaithful to wife Georgina Chapman, "philandering with every woman he could meet." But he insisted he had no idea his brother was allegedly committing acts of sexual harassment and assault.

"I'll tell you what I did know: Harvey was a bully, Harvey was arrogant, he treated people like (crap) all the time," Bob said.

"I'm mortified and disgust-

ed by my brother's actions. And I am sick for the victims. And I feel for them."

Dozens of women, including actresses Angelina Jolie and Gwyneth Paltrow, have gone public with accusations against Harvey following recent reports by The New York Times and The New Yorker detailing misconduct claims by others.

In the latest development, British actress Lysette Anthony said she's told police that Harvey raped her in the 1980s.

Anthony, who currently appears in the British soap opera "Hollyoaks," told the Sunday Times newspaper that Weinstein attacked her after showing up at her London home. She said she was left feeling "disgusted and embarrassed."

The statement said the decision was reached by "well in excess of the required two-thirds majority" of the 54-member academy board.

Only one person is thought to have been previously expelled from the academy: Carmine Caridi, a character actor who had his membership revoked in 2004 for lending DVD screeners of

'SNL' gave passing notice to fallen mogul Harvey Weinstein

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NEW YORK (AP)—NBC's "Saturday Night Live" gave Harvey Weinstein a pass last week. The disgraced movie mogul wasn't quite so lucky this week.

"Weekend Update" tossed off a few barbs targeting Weinstein and his fall amid numerous accusations of sexual assault.

Colin Jost proposed that rather than the rehab Weinstein has pledged to undergo, jail would be more fitting. Michael Che suggested that Weinstein's face resembles "chewed bubblegum rolled in cat hair."

Earlier, a sketch depicted actresses discussing sexual harassment. Kate McKinnon

as a dotty Hollywood veteran recalled being invited to Weinstein's hotel room where he was naked and hanging upside down, trying to trick her into thinking his genitals were actually his face.

But thanks to Alex Baldwin and fellow players, the night's preferred target was, as usual, President Donald Trump.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION



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Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase

The Family

Porn publisher offers up to \$10 million for dirt on Trump

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pornography publisher Larry Flynt is offering “up to \$10 million” to anyone who produces information that leads to President Donald Trump’s impeachment and removal from office.



Flynt

He lays out the offer in a full-page ad in the Sunday edition of The Washington Post.

During last year’s presidential campaign, Flynt dangled \$1 million to anyone who could turn

over video or audio capturing Trump behaving in an illegal or sexually demeaning manner. That followed the release of the 2005 “Access Hollywood” video in which Trump bragged of imposing himself on women.

In Sunday’s ad, Flynt asks for any “smoking gun” that is fit to publish and drives Trump from office. The White House didn’t comment.

Russian drama ‘Loveless’ wins London Film Festival top prize

LONDON (AP)—Russian director Andrey Zvyagintsev’s “Loveless,” a piercing drama about a divorcing couple whose son disappears, won the best picture prize at the London Film Festival on Saturday.

The award was Zvyagintsev’s second top trophy from the London festival. He received the best picture award in 2014 for “Leviathan,” a tragic satire of small-town corruption that brought the director criticism from Russian officials.

British director Andrea Arnold, president of the judging panel, said “Loveless” turned one family’s story into “a universal tragedy.”

“Loveless” is also an indictment of social flaws, with resonance well beyond Russia. Festival director Clare Stewart said the film’s depiction of parents so consumed with their own lives they don’t initially realize their son is missing “is such a powerful metaphor for what is happening with many children around the world.”

Stewart said “Loveless” asks audiences, “Are we caring for our future?”

The festival’s prizes were awarded during a ceremony at London’s 17th-century Banqueting House. South African director John Trengove won the first feature trophy for “The Wound,” a drama about masculinity and sexuality

set against the backdrop of a Xhosa initiation ritual.

The documentary prize went to Lucy Cohen’s “Kingdom of Us,” a portrait of a family trying to recover after a suicide. Patrick Bresnan’s “The Rabbit Hunt” was named best short film.

Paul Greengrass, the English director of “United 93” and three of the Jason Bourne thrillers, received the British Film Institute Fellowship, a career honor.

The 12-day festival ends Sunday with Martin McDonagh’s “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri,” a small-town tragicomedy starring Frances McDormand and Woody Harrelson that is being tipped as an Oscar contender next year.

The 61st London festival has featured glitzy galas for other potential awards season favorites, including Guillermo del Toro’s fantastical “The Shape of Water,” Sean Baker’s vibrant “The Florida Project” and directing duo Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris’ tennis drama “Battle of the Sexes.”

But it has also been shaken by the allegations of sexual harassment and assault against powerful Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein.

Stewart said the accusations had “reverberated very strongly during the festival.”

After 883 years, Cistercian monastery to close in Germany

BERLIN (AP) — A Cistercian monastery that’s existed for almost 900 years in what is now western Germany is closing down for good, due to a shortage of monks.

The Himmerod Abbey, founded in 1134 by the French abbot Bernard of Clairvaux, had just six resi-

dent monks before the closure that was decided this week, down from about 30 monks in the 1970s.

German news agency dpa on Saturday quoted the monastery’s head, Abbot Johannes, as saying the financial situation and especially the small number of monks had played a key

role in the decision.

The monastery’s property, near the village of Grosslittgen, will be transferred to the Catholic diocese of Trier, while the six monks will move to other monasteries. It was not clear what would happen to the monastery’s other staff.

Hillary Clinton says Brexit uncertainty affecting children

LONDON (AP)—Children are being given “short shrift” in the Brexit process, with some left feeling worried and unsafe, Hillary Clinton said Saturday.

The 2016 U.S. presidential candidate spoke at Swansea University in Wales, which presented her with an honorary doctorate.

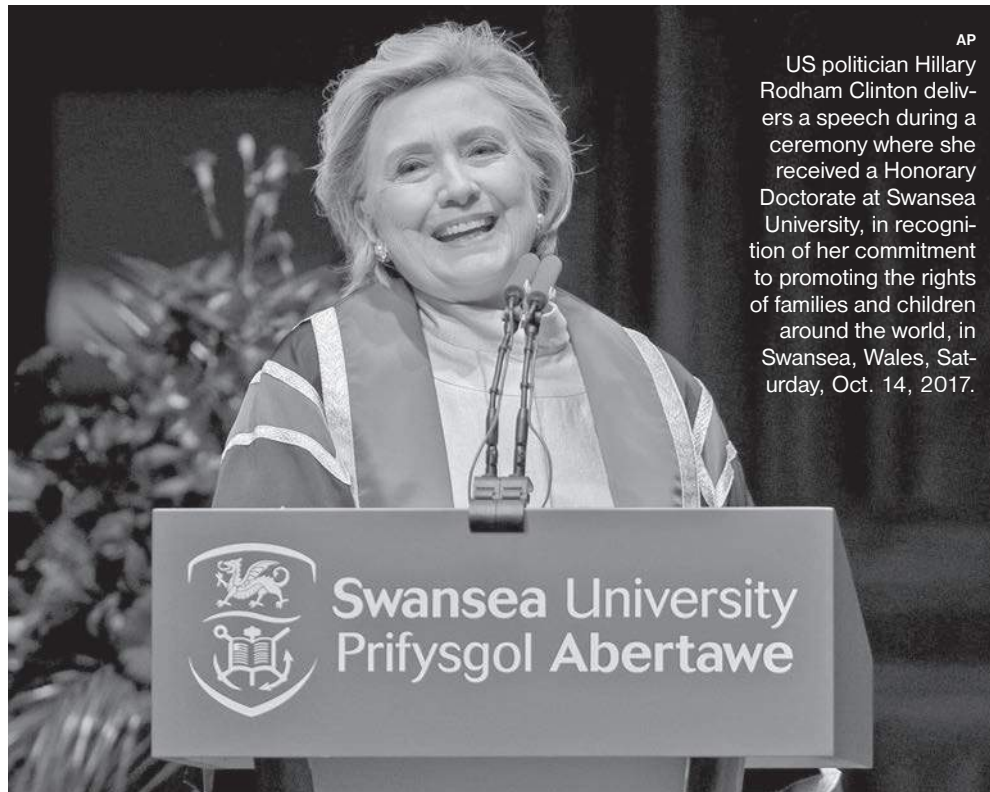
Clinton said uncertainty about the future rights of some 3 million European Union citizens living in Britain means “the residency rights of half a million children, including many who were born in the U.K., are hanging in the balance.”

The ex-U.S. secretary of state said “there are reports of children being worried, feeling uncertain, even unsafe.”

Swansea University honored Clinton for her work promoting the rights of families and children, a cause the school shares.

It has renamed its college of law the Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law.

Clinton lamented what she



AP
US politician Hillary Rodham Clinton delivers a speech during a ceremony where she received a Honorary Doctorate at Swansea University, in recognition of her commitment to promoting the rights of families and children around the world, in Swansea, Wales, Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017.

called divisive politics and rhetoric on both sides of the Atlantic, saying “currents of anger and resentment are underpinning our national

conversation” in the United States.

In a direct swipe at President Donald Trump, she said that “instead of bringing people

together, we have leaders who stoke our divisions, try to distract us with controversy after controversy, and undermine free speech and the press.”

Duchess of Cambridge’s uncle charged with assault in London

LONDON (AP) — British police say they’ve charged the uncle of the Duchess of Cambridge with assault after a late-night altercation in a London street.

The Metropolitan Police force says Gary Goldsmith

faces a charge of assault by beating over an incident near his home Friday at 1:20 a.m. British newspapers reported Saturday that the alleged victim is his wife, Julie-Ann Goldsmith.

Goldsmith has been re-

leased on bail and is due in court on Oct. 31.

Goldsmith is brother of the duchess’ mother Carole Middleton and attended his niece’s 2011 royal wedding to Prince William.

Often depicted as Kate’s

wayward uncle, Goldsmith once owned a house in Spain called “La Maison de Bang Bang.” He was filmed in 2009 by an undercover reporter apparently taking cocaine and bragging about his royal connections.

New Marine’s mom wonders how often she should write

DEAR ABBY: My son and I are very close. He joined the Marine Corps (a decision I fully support) and shipped out recently.

I had read on a Marine family site that frequent letters from home are encouraged, so I had letters written even before I got his mailing address. I sent off three letters the day I got his address and another one three days later.

They always start off with a supportive declaration (“I’m proud of you. You can do this.”) before moving on to what I hope are amusing anecdotes about what’s going on at home. I avoid topics that would make him homesick. I sign the letter with the initials of my son’s nickname for me.

Last night, another family member told me I’m writing too often (that person has written one letter so far, and plans to wait at least a week before sending another). That family member said that the drill instructors and other recruits will notice and label my son a “mama’s boy.”

This has caused me significant distress. Please tell me which is right: the website that recommends frequent letters, or my family member who advocates cutting back drastically?

MOM OF A MARINE

DEAR MOM: Unless the family member is speaking from firsthand experience, trust the military family website. However, because you are concerned, ask your son how he feels about the fact that you write so often, and ask him to be honest.

DEAR ABBY: In view of all the recent tragic events that have happened, you would do a great service to remind everyone to be careful when donating. A lot of the money that was donated for 9/11 and other tragedies never got to the victims.

Unfortunately, when tragedies occur, scammers view them as an opportunity to line their pockets. I’m not sure how to make sure the money gets to the right people, so I haven’t donated at all. Can you help with some information on this?

DIANA IN TEXAS

DEAR DIANA: Some appeals are, indeed, scams. That’s why it’s important for kindhearted people to be able to tell the difference. A way to verify that a charity is legit would be to visit charitynavigator.org. It will tell you what percentage of the money you donate will go toward overhead,

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and how much actually reaches those who need it.

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Astros take 2-0 lead over Yankees in ALCS



HOUSTON
(AP) —

With each stinging line drive, Jose Altuve is putting his stamp on this October. Same with every pitch from Justin Verlander, no matter the inning or score.

Houston's longest tenured player and its durable new ace—an incomparable pair so far this postseason.

Altuve raced home on Carlos Correa's double in the ninth inning, Verlander struck out 13 in a complete game and the Astros beat the New York Yankees 2-1 Saturday for a 2-0 lead in the AL Championship Series.

Correa also homered, but Houston needed a daring dash from the 5-foot-6 Altuve to get Verlander a win. Altuve, an AL MVP front-runner, reached with a one-out single against closer Aroldis Chapman, then sprinted around from first base on Correa's shot to right-center field. Shortstop Didi Gregorius' relay beat Altuve to the plate, but catcher Gary Sanchez misplayed a short-hop, allowing Houston's dynamo second baseman to slide past safely.

"When I saw him running I was like, 'Oh God,'" Correa said. "And then obviously he beat it out."

Altuve had two more hits and is 13 for 23 (.565) this postseason after hitting just 4 for 26 (.154) in the 2015 playoffs.

"He's unbelievable," Verlander said. "The guy does everything."

Verlander improved to 8-0 in eight appearances with Houston since agreeing to an Aug. 31 trade from the Tigers, including his Game 4 win in relief during a Division Series against Boston. He has a 2.04 ERA over a postseason-leading 17 2/3 innings.

"When I decided to say yes, these are the moments that you envision," Verlander said of agreeing to the trade. "You don't envision going 5-0 in the regular season once you get here, that's all fine and great, but that's not why I was brought here. I was brought here to help this team win a championship."

Verlander set a postseason career best for strikeouts and allowed five hits in his second career complete game in the playoffs. He threw a season-high 124 pitches and retired baby Bronx Bombers Aaron Judge, Sanchez and Greg Bird in the top of the ninth.

"This is such a big moment for our team, but he put us on his back today with his pitching," manager A.J. Hinch said.

Dallas Keuchel won Game 1 for the Astros—also 2-1—



Houston Astros' Carlos Correa and Alex Bregman both try and catch a pop ball hit by New York Yankees' Greg Bird during the second inning of Game 2 of baseball's American League Championship Series Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017, in Houston.

Taylor, Puig power Dodgers past Cubs in opener

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Although Clayton Kershaw once again failed to dominate in a postseason start, these Los Angeles Dodgers don't need one guy to carry them.

With a relentless lineup, flawless relief pitching and a collective charisma epitomized by the bat-flipping Yasiel Puig, the Dodgers are still unbeaten in the postseason and off to a strong start in the NL Championship Series.

Chris Taylor hit a tie-breaking homer in the sixth inning, Puig added a homer and an RBI double to his dynamite postseason, and the Dodgers overcame a short start by Kershaw for a 5-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Saturday night in the NLCS opener.

"We just tried to set the tone early against the Cubs," closer Kenley Jansen said. "We understand they're the defending champions, so they're a really good team. We understand that we won 104 games, but right now it doesn't matter."

Charlie Culberson doubled, drove in the tying run and scored another while replacing injured All-Star shortstop Corey Seager for the resourceful Dodgers, who improved to 4-0 in this postseason.

With another collective offensive effort and four innings of perfect relief for Kershaw, the Dodgers calmly overcame an early two-run deficit and took the first game of this rematch of the 2016 NLCS, won in six games by the Cubs on the way to their first World Series championship in 108 years.

"It's two different ballclubs," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "There are some similar players, but I think that the season we had versus the season they had last year, I think that you could parallel those two, and the confidence we have in our group, and they had in their group last year. I just know that this year we're a very focused group, very confident group."

pairing with Verlander to give the Astros perhaps the best 1-2 punch in these playoffs.

"That was one of the most impressive things I've seen in my professional career for sure," Keuchel said. "But that's why we got him—for

his postseason pedigree."

In the bottom of the ninth, Judge picked up Correa's hit in right field and threw toward second base. Gregorius fielded there, and his throw beat Altuve to the plate by a few steps. Sanchez just couldn't

The Dodgers hadn't won the opening game of an NLCS since 1985. Game 2 is Sunday, with Rich Hill starting at home against Chicago's Jon Lester.

Kershaw pitched five innings of four-hit ball, but the Los Angeles ace fell behind 2-0 before getting pulled for a pinch-hitter during the Dodgers' tying rally.

After winning 104 games in the regular season and sweeping Arizona in the Division Series, the Dodgers have a lineup and bullpen equipped to handle almost anything. They made Kershaw's latest laborious postseason start virtually irrelevant, just as they did after he gave up four homers in his 2017 playoff opener against the Diamondbacks last week.

Albert Almora Jr. hit a two-run homer in the fourth, but the final 18 batters failed to reach base for the weary Cubs, still bouncing back from a 10-hour cross-country flight after finishing off Washington in an epic Game

squeeze the one-hopper.

"That's a play I'm used to making," Sanchez said through a translator. "Really thought I had a chance at making that play there. Unfortunately I dropped the ball and couldn't make that play."

5 late Thursday night.

"Their bullpen is pretty firm, and we have to really get our feet back on the ground," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said.

Puig added another huge offensive game to his recent surge with his first career postseason homer—though in a postgame interview on TBS, he was convinced he had hit one before.

The Cuban slugger also included his usual array of creative bat discards and portentous pauses at the plate.

Los Angeles finally got rolling in the fifth when Logan Forsythe and Austin Barnes drew one-out walks before Puig hammered a double to left-center. The ebullient Cuban slugger headed to second only after flipping his bat and spreading his arms wide at the plate.

Puig's sky-high homer off Mike Montgomery in the sixth barely got over the fence in left. Puig is 7 for 15 with six RBI in the Dodgers' first four playoff games.

The Astros mobbed Correa in shallow center field while Altuve pointed and smiled from near home plate.

Houston took its first ever 2-0 lead in a Championship Series in front of a crowd of 43,193 which included Hous-

ton Rockets stars James Harden, Chris Paul and Trevor Ariza in front-row seats. Minute Maid Park buzzed throughout, and fans let out huge cheer when Hinch sent Verlander back out to pitch the ninth.

"No words were necessary," Verlander said. "It was my game to win or lose."

Verlander got the first complete game by any pitcher this reliever-heavy postseason and his first nine-inning outing since his Tigers beat the Astros 3-2 on July 30, 2016. This was the seventh time Verlander had 10 or more strikeouts in the postseason, extending his major league record, and his seventh postseason game with 120 pitches or more.

The unshakable right-hander struck out the side in the eighth, and television shots showed fiancée Kate Upton in a pink sequined shirt cheering and clapping wildly as he walked off.

Verlander, Keuchel and two relievers have combined to strike out 27 Yankees in the series.

"They're making pitches on these kids," New York manager Joe Girardi said. "And maybe are they trying a little bit too hard? Yeah, of course. But I think everyone out there's probably trying a little bit too hard."

Correa's homer in the fourth off starter Luis Severino sailed just out of reach of Judge and 12-year-old Carson Riley, who was sitting in the front row in right field. The ball bounced off Riley's glove and into the stands, and Girardi asked for a video review to check for fan interference. Umpires upheld the call.

Riley hopes to get the ball signed by Correa and called the moment: "A really cool one."

It was reminiscent of a homer by Derek Jeter in Game 1 of the 1996 ALCS between the Yankees and Orioles. A 12-year-old Jeffrey Maier reached out and deflected Jeter's hit into the stands, but umpires ruled it a home run.

The 23-year-old Correa is the fifth player ever with five home runs in the postseason before turning 24.

Todd Frazier drove in New York's run with a ground-rule double in the fifth when his shot to left-center got stuck in the chain-link fence protecting the visitors' bullpen. Center fielder George Springer tossed his glove in the air several times attempting to knock the ball loose, but never got close.

Severino allowed two hits and a run in four innings. He was hit by a comebacker from Yuli Gurriel on the last out of the fourth, and Girardi said they lifted him as a precaution.

Arena quits after US World Cup failure, Gulati stays

NEW YORK (AP)—Bruce Arena quickly resigned as U.S. coach after the Americans' failure to qualify for the World Cup. U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati is staying around, at least for now.

Arena quit Friday, three days after the ruinous 2-1 loss at 99th-ranked Trinidad and Tobago that ended the Americans' streak of seven straight World Cup appearances.

"There's no point in me being around," Arena said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "I'm not going to be around for the next cycle. The only thing I regret, obviously, is not having a cycle with the team, because you need more time than 10 months with a team. But I knew that in advance of it, so I'm responsible for it."

The USSF, which will miss the World Cup for the first time since 1986, said it will announce within 10 days an interim coach for planned exhibition games next month.

Gulati, speaking during a telephone news conference, said he did not plan to resign. He said it was not the right time to talk about whether he will seek a fourth four-year term Feb. 10 during the federation's annual meeting but did say in recent weeks he had sent letters to people seeking to be nominated.

"This is a big shock to the system. We understand that. We understand how much frustration, anger, disappointment, hurt there is," he said.

Gulati said the federation held a board meeting Thurs-



In this Oct. 10, 2017, file photo, United States coach Bruce Arena stands on the sideline during a 2018 World Cup qualifying soccer match against Trinidad and Tobago, in Couva, Trinidad. Arena has resigned in the wake of the team's crash out of contention for the 2018 World Cup.

day night and will seek "outside expertise" as it evaluates what went wrong.

"We'll look at everything, from our player development programs to our coaching to our refereeing to our facilities to the pay-to-play model to the role of education and universities," he said. "Where we need to make major changes, we'll do that. Where we need to make incremental changes, we'll do that. We'll take our time with that and unfortunately we have the luxury of time before we have competitive games again with the se-

nior team."

A 66-year-old member of the U.S. National Soccer Hall of Fame, Arena coached the U.S. from 1998-2006, including a trip to the 2002 World Cup quarterfinals, the best American finish since the first tournament in 1930.

He was fired by Gulati after group-stage elimination in 2006, then brought back last November after a 0-2 start in the final round of qualifying in the North and Central American region under Jurgen

Klinsmann. The Americans were unbeaten in their first 14 games under Arena, winning their third CONCACAF Gold Cup under him, but they lost a home qualifier to Costa Rica 2-0 last month, putting a berth in danger.

A 4-0 home win over Panama last week put the U.S. back in position for an eighth straight World Cup trip and the Americans needed only a draw at Trinidad. After months of constant

lineup changes, Arena kept the same 11 starters, and the Americans fell behind by two goals in the first half.

With three wins, four losses and three ties, the U.S. finished fifth among six teams in the hexagonal. Panama climbed to third and qualified, and fourth-place Honduras will meet Australia in a play-off next month for a berth.

"I don't know how anyone could ever say lack of desire. I think that's a terrible statement. It really is," Arena said. "This is a group of guys with a

lot of character. They came into 2017 with not the odds in their favor to qualify. It took a lot of hard work to get to where the program got at the end where we could have qualified. So to say a lack of desire I think is insane. You hear that. You hear all the stupid stuff days after, but for whatever reason we played very poorly in the first half against Trinidad, and it cost us."

Arena was 10-2-6 in his second term, leaving him with an 81-32-35 record and the most wins among U.S. coaches. At the club level, he won Major League Soccer titles with D.C. United in 1996 and '97, and with the LA Galaxy in 2011, '12 and '14.

"Oddly enough, I've had some inquiries, already," he said. "There's options for me that I have to sort out and see what makes sense."

Gulati ruled out his own resignation after the qualifying failure.

"Most coaches do, but it's not the cases that most presidents do, and I'm not planning to," he said. "We've got a lot of things on our agenda, including a World Cup bid that is due in the end of March and a decision in June."

Cavs complete trade with Hawks, Jefferson waived by Atlanta



CLEVELAND (AP)—Valuable veteran Richard Jefferson has been traded from Cleveland to Atlanta and waived.

The Cavaliers and Hawks finalized their trade on Saturday with Jefferson and guard Kay Felder going to Atlanta with a pair of second-round draft picks and \$3 million. Cleveland needed to clear two roster spots and will now save over \$12 million in potential luxury-tax penalties.

The teams agreed to terms of the deal on Friday night and got league approval Saturday.

The Cavs, who had to get their roster to 15 before Tuesday's opener, will also acquire the draft rights from Atlanta to forward Dimitrios Agravanis and guard Sergey Gladyr.

Jefferson spent two seasons with Cleveland and contributed to the club's run to back-to-back NBA Finals, appearing in 35 postseason games. He's now a free agent.

After overhauling their roster during a busy offsea-

son, the three-time defending Eastern Conference champions ran out of room for the 37-year-old.

"R.J. embodies all of the things you could want in a veteran player and teammate," Cavs general manager Koby Altman said. "His consistent success at a very high level over many years is a reflection of the kind of high quality player and person he is. His steady leadership, great attitude, dependability and performance helped us win an NBA Championship and we are grateful for all of his contributions on the court and within our locker room."

As they prepare for Tuesday's opener against Boston, the Cavs also released center Kendrick Perkins, who could join coach Tyronn Lue's staff.

The Hawks chose the 6-foot-10 Agravanis in the second round in 2015. The 22-year-old He has played for Olympiacos in the Greek Basketball League since 2013.

The 6-foot-5 Gladyr was se-

lected by Atlanta with the 49th overall pick in the 2009. He has played the past two seasons in France with AS Monaco Basket. Gladyr also played in the Summer League with the Hawks in 2010 and 2013.

Meanwhile, the NBA has handed Portland guard CJ McCollum a one-game suspension for leaving the bench area during an altercation.

McCollum took several steps onto the floor when Portland's Caleb Swanigan and Phoenix's Alex Len tussled in the fourth quarter of the teams' preseason game Wednesday night. McCollum did not engage anyone, but leaving the bench area merited the penalty under NBA rules.

He will have to miss the first game he is physically able to play, meaning he will likely sit Portland's opener on Wednesday—coincidentally, back in Phoenix.

McCollum has missed only four games in the past two seasons. He averaged a career-best 23 points per game on 48 percent shooting last season.



Federer, Nadal advance to Shanghai final for 38th duel

SHANGHAI—World number one Rafael Nadal squeezed past Croatian Marin Cilic with a 7-5, 7-6 (7/3) victory on Saturday to set up a mouth-watering clash with Roger Federer in the Shanghai Masters final.

Second-ranked Federer came from behind to beat Argentine Juan Martin del Potro 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 to ensure he would meet Nadal for the fourth time this year in Sunday's final.

Nadal leads the head-to-head with Federer 23-14 but has not beaten the Swiss in 2017, losing in the finals of the Australian Open and Miami Masters and in the last-16 at Indian Wells.

The Spaniard was pushed hard by fourth seed Cilic, who put his booming forehand to good use but could not stop Nadal claiming a 16th consecutive victory.

"We are at the highest level of our sport, so nobody wins easy," Nadal said.

"If you want to compete in

the most important events ... you're going to have tough matches and today was one of them."

Federer—the only man who can still stop Nadal ending the year as world number one lost to Del Potro in the US Open quarterfinals and looked set for a second consecutive defeat after tamely surrendering the first set.

The Swiss changed his approach in the second, following his serves into the net more often to take time away from the Argentine and the strategy worked as Del Potro failed to earn a single break point in the final two sets.

Nadal forced Cilic to save six break points in his first two service games, but the Croat hung on and passed up a glorious chance to go ahead himself when he squandered three break points with the score tied at 5-5 in the first.

Nadal then broke the

world number five before serving out the set.

The Spaniard looked set for victory when he broke again early in the second,

but Cilic drew level in the sixth game as Nadal pounded the net cord in frustration after missing an easy volley with his opponent stranded.

A flurry of Cilic errors gave Nadal three break points with the second set tied at 4-4.

The Croatian got out of trouble with three big serves but double faulted to hand the initiative back to Nadal and skied a forehand to give his opponent the chance to serve out the match.

Nadal failed to capitalize, squandering a match point before Cilic unleashed two massive forehands to level again at 5-5 as the set headed towards a tiebreak where Nadal's ability to hold his nerve in clutch situations proved the difference.



NMIFA receives \$3K donation from Rep. Barcinas

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Rep. Donald Barcinas (R-Saipan) donated \$3,000 to Northern Mariana Islands Football Association in support of the group's soccer development program in the Commonwealth.

"I am very much aware of how soccer is growing in the CNMI with many youth players getting involved with the sport so I decided to donate money from my leadership account in support of this very good program," said Barcinas, who turned over the donation to NMIFA president Jerry Tan in a brief ceremony last Friday at the association's office in Garapan.

"This donation also shows my appreciation to the dedicated NMIFA officials, the coaches and the players' parents for volunteering their time and effort to the program and toward the development of our youth," the lawmaker added.

Barcinas' donation was a surprise, but very timely, according to Tan.

"It's the first time that some-



Rep. Donald Barcinas, standing fourth left, hands over the \$3,000 check to Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan, standing fifth left, during a donation turnover ceremony at the NMIFA office in Garapan. Joining the two officials in the photo are members of the CNMI Girls U18 National Training Pool.

one called us and donated some money on the same day, so we're very surprised but thankful to Rep. Barcinas. This donation comes in handy as the more youth are getting interested in playing soccer, the more resources we need to keep the program growing," Tan said.

"Every support that a non-profit organization like us gets is very important, especially as we try to expand the program. We really appreciate Rep. Barcinas' generosity and support to NMIFA and our youth," the NMIFA head added.

Barcinas assured NMIFA

that this will not be the last time he will be supporting soccer development in the CNMI. He also said that he will be donating funds for the renovation of the dugouts at the Garapan Elementary School Field, resurfacing of the basketball court at the Oleai Elementary School, and for NMI Rollers' participation in a tournament in Guam later this year.

"Sports is close to my heart that's why I love to see more and more people get involved with sports," said the father of former Mt. Carmel School basketball players Dan and Aitau Barcinas and the founding president of the tennis association in the CNMI (now Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association).

Barcinas turned in his do-

nation in the presence of the CNMI Women's National Team and U18 pool members, NMIFA general secretary Ross Zapanta, and deputy general secretary Merlie Tolentino, and he encouraged the players to keep training and not quit the sport.

"You may not get the win today, but in the future, you will. Stay focus and train," Barcinas said.

NMIFA technical director Michiteru Mita was also present at the donation turnover ceremony and expressed his appreciation to Barcinas.

"This donation is very valuable in the continued development of our youth. Thank you to Rep. Barcinas and we promise to work hard in every practice and game," Mita said.

First-place Eagles raise level of expectations



PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Expectations for the Philadelphia Eagles have soared following another convincing victory.

This was supposed to be a rebuilding season, but the Eagles (5-1) have emerged as the team to beat in the NFC East and they're a front-runner in the conference.

If they get some key players back from injury and improve some areas, the Eagles are legitimate Super Bowl contender.

"We're winning these games, but there is a lot to fix, a lot to correct as well," coach Doug Pederson said

Friday, a day after a 28-23 win at Carolina. "It's never perfect."

Carson Wentz tossed three touchdown passes and the defense stifled Cam Newton and the Panthers (4-2) to help Philadelphia become the NFC's first 5-win team. Three of those wins have come on the road. The Eagles have a mini-bye before hosting the Washington Redskins (2-2) on Monday, Oct. 23. That'll start a three-game homestand.

"I've got to keep them focused and grounded on even some of the situational stuff still," Pederson said. "We've got to eliminate the big play on defense. We've got to get better in the red zone on offense,

and just keep working in those areas. We weren't as good on third down (Thursday) night, so we've got to keep working that area. So just keeping them focused and detailed on those specific areas."

Wentz has established himself as a rising star in his second season. The 2016 No. 2 overall pick withstood relentless pressure, took a lot of hits and overcame some dropped passes and penalties to lead the Eagles to victory in front of a hostile crowd on short rest.

He lowered his shoulder and took on tacklers a couple times and made precision throws in clutch spots in the second half.

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appointments of selected officials will be released on Feb. 1 next year.

Technical officials who would be considered for appointment must have actively officiated at the mem-

ber federation level and approved by the said group to make sure the selection for each event won't encounter any delays.

In most cases, technical officials who would be chosen would be required to shoulder their own expenses—travel and accommodation. Howev-

er, OAA is advising officials nominated to avoid booking non-refundable plane tickets until getting confirmation of their appointment.

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went 3-for-4 with two homers—a grand slam in the top of the second and a three-run shot in the fourth. He singled in the first and grounded out in the seventh. Ben Palacios went 2-for-2 with a homer in the seventh, while Ben Cabrera batted 2-for-3 with

a double.

Meanwhile, in the other game yesterday, the S.A. Masters scored eight runs in the fifth inning on their way to a 19-9 win over Asahi.

J.J. Cabrera stood his ground against Asahi's batters, giving up eight hits and pitching three scoreless—inings—from the second to the fourth—after allowing their

opponents to touch home plate five times in the first. He also had two strikeouts.

Jude Dickinson went 3-for-3 with three homers and six RBIs, while Jeff Sablan batted 2-for-3 with a double, a three-run shot in the fifth, and four RBIs. Jeff Cabrera, 2-for-4, also homered with two runs and two RBIs for the S.A. Masters.



Standing from left, Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Michiteru Mita, NMIFA deputy general secretary Merlie Tolentino, Rep. Donald Barcinas, NMIFA president Jerry Tan, and NMIFA general secretary Ross Zapanta pose for a photo with some members of the CNMI Women's National Team during the donation turnover ceremony.

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Ridhorns right from the get-go, building a 13-1 lead. Back-to-back baskets from Jun Marilla gave Spigen the 12-point advantage, while Tropang Ridhorns' solitary point was courtesy of Viray's split charity.

The league-leading team struggled in the first six minutes and change of the match, failing to hit a single field goal before Guiab canned a triple at the 3:24 mark of the opening frame. Guiab and Viray then alternately nailed baskets for Tropang Ridhorns to slice the deficit to 4 at the end of the first period, 15-19.

However, Spigen widened the gap anew in the second canto with Mike Umali and Bruce Berline combining for 16 points and drawing some help from their teammates. Guiab was held to a field goal in the second quarter, leaving Viray to carry the cudgels for

Tropang Ridhorns. Viray then kept going in the third frame, while Guiab regained his form, and their other teammates also contributed to Tropang Ridhorns' cause to cut Spigen's lead to single digit, going into the fourth quarter.

Spigen lost the double-figure advantage, as it made only three field goals in the third period. It eventually failed to protect the driver's seat in the fourth canto, as only Isagani Cortez made more than one basket for the squad in that meltdown, while Guiab and Viray joined forces anew to keep Tropang Ridhorns' winning run.

Viray finished with a game-high 37 points, while Guiab chipped in 17. Berline had 19 points for Spigen, which played without its main gunner Lerio Pagarao.

Meanwhile, in the second game, Team Sawi broke into the win column after downing Gold Ballers, 81-74.

Brendon Tania and Errol Peredo starred in Team Sawi's first win in three games with the former making 31 points and the latter adding 29.

First Game

Tropang Ridhorns 79—Viray 37, Guiab 17, Yoshizawa 8, Morales 5, Surima 4, Fernandez 4, Claveria 2.

Spigen 74—Berline 19, Umali 13, Flores 13, Tobias 11, Cortez 11, Marilla 4, Tibayan 4.

Scoring by quarters: 15-19, 33-47, 55-60, 79-74.

Second Game

Team Sawi 81—Tania 31, Peredo 29, Directo 9, Gasin 5, Galulu 4, Garcia 3.

Gold Ballers 74—Leo-mo 16, Mateo 16, Avila 13, Velasco 12, Factor 8, Cortez 4, Manabat 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-16, 42-38, 66-61, 81-74.

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The CNMI's Guive Borja, center, and Guam's Colleen Naden, left, and Anjelica Perez chase the ball during their game in the Marianas Cup 2017 early this month at the Guam Football Association National Training Center in Dededo.



The CNMI's Carla Ballesteros dives for a save.



The CNMI's Paulyn Grace Joyce kicks the ball ahead of the defense of Guam's Skylerblu Johnson.



Guam's Anjelica Perez is surrounded by CNMI defenders.



The CNMI's Shairmaine Francisco, left, tries to catch up on defense against Guam's Skylerblu Johnson.



CNMI captain Krizel Tuason, fifth left, and her counterpart in Guam Anjelica Perez, second left, join game officials for a group photo before the start of the match.



Guam's Colleen Naden, left, saves the ball from going out to the sideline, while CNMI's Guive Borja keeps a close eye on her.



The CNMI's starting 11 pose with game officials before their match against Guam.



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Brotherhood forces playoff

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Brotherhood had a hit parade against John Maratita in a 23-12 crushing of the Papa Bears during yesterday's final regular season game in the 2017 Belau Men's Masters Softball League at the Dandan Softball Field.



Jerry Ayuyu and Ken Kalen led the way for Brotherhood, which ended the elimination round with a 14-2 record to force a one-game playoff against co-leader Peleliu for the pennant. The Brotherhood-Peleliu playoff match was played late afternoon yesterday and results of the rubber were unavailable at press time.

Ayuyu, seventh in the batting leaders as of Oct. 1, blasted three home runs in a perfect appearance at the plate. He went 4-for-4 with six RBIs. Leadoff batter Kalen backed him up, going 4-for-5 and also belting three homers—all solo shots at the bottom of the first, fourth, and seventh inning—with four RBIs.

Brotherhood had a total of eight home runs with Kalle Igisomar and Bill Camacho adding one each in the third and fourth inning, respectively.

Brotherhood used a six-run first inning against Maratita, who gave up a total of 20 hits. John Diaz, Maratita's counterpart, was steadier on the mound, surrendering only 13 hits to the Papa Bears while having five strikeouts.

Batting leader Jojo Attao

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JON PEREZ
Brotherhood's John Diaz pitches against the Papa Bears in their final elimination round game in the 2017 Belau Men's Masters Softball League yesterday at the Dandan Softball Field.



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Tropang Ridhors's Ken Viray, right, goes up for a shot against Spigen's Adrian Flores during the first quarter of their game in the IT&E-sponsored Ali'i Blue Haus caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Tropang Ridhors still unbeaten

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Tropang Ridhors avoided the upset axe of Spigen after pulling off a 79-74 victory during their game in the 2nd Ali'i Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Down by 14 at the break, 33-47, and still facing a 5-point deficit, 55-60, going into final canto, Ken Viray

and Junar Guiab combined for 16 of their 24 points in the fourth period to save

Tropang Ridhors from absorbing its first loss.

With the 5-point victory, Tropang Ridhors went on to extend its streak to five, while Spigen continued to have a roller-coaster ride in the league and fell to a 3-3 record.

Before the sorry loss, Spigen threatened Tropang

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Technical officials wanted for Micro Games, 3 other events

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The Oceania Athletics Association is inviting its member federations to nominate interested technical officials who wanted to take part in a number of regional events for 2018.

Technical officials are needed for the Oceania Regional championships-Melanesia that will be held in Port Vila, Vanuatu from May 8 to 10; the Micronesian Athletics Championships on Saipan from June 14 to 16; the Polynesia Athlet-

ics Championships in Apia, Samoa from Nov. 8 to 9; and the athletics event of the 2018 Micronesian Games in Yap from July 16 to 19.

OAA executive director Yvonne Mullins said technical officials who wanted to take

part in any of the event must submit their application on or before 2017 ends.

"OAA is now calling for technical officials' expressions of interest for 2018 athletics events to be conducted in Oceania. Federations are asked to forward this information to any technical official who may be interested in officiating at the regional championships and Micronesian Games. OAA would be pleased if any interested official would send their expression of interest to attend any of the competitions listed," Mullins said.

The program is a nomination system with the OAA encouraging member federations to submit their expressions of interest and an approval letter from their association on or before Dec. 31. Notice of

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The newly resurfaced Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility will be hosting the 2018 Micronesian Athletics Championships.